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## Torres signs SAFE Act into law

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The Special Act for Firearm Enforcement, or SAFE Act, has been inked into law after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed the bill yesterday morning, to regulate the possession of firearms in the Commonwealth.

Some two weeks after the U.S. District Court for the CNMI struck down the CNMI 40-year old ban on handguns, Torres signed the landmark legislation that, among others, bans assault weapons, requires trigger locks on firearms, addresses expected increase in firearm violence by establishing new crimes, and creates gun free zones around public and private places.

Senate Bill 19-94 and its amendment is now Public Law 19-94. Torres signed the bill before a crowd of Cabinet

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members, law enforcement officials, lawmakers, and CNMI Attorney General Edward Manibusan, whose office had drafted and pushed the bill through both houses of the

Legislature in the wake of the court ruling.

During the signing event, Torres acknowledged that with handguns allowed in the CNMI, law enforcement would have to approach cars differently, and that "first priority" would be to get them

bullet proof vests, which

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DENNIS B. CHAN

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signs sweeping gun control legislation into law yesterday at the Office of the Governor's conference room as CNMI Attorney General Edward Manibusan looks on.

## DLNR chief: Shark laws need updating

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Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Richard Seman said yesterday that the CNMI's anti-shark harvesting laws need updating, describing his thoughts after a regional shark

protection workshop held in Pohnpei last week.



Seman

of the Marshall, the Republic

of Palau, Guam, Kosrae, and the CNMI, among others, to discuss the issues affecting enforcement of shark laws in order to determine a "unified way" to effectively enforce shark laws, Seman said.

While Seman said that every island jurisdiction has promulgated and enacted their own legislation prohibiting certain shark harvesting, he

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## No decision yet on water emergency

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has not yet officially decided on the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s standing request to declare a state of emergency over a reported water shortage, a declaration that would be the first of its kind in CNMI history.

Torres earlier indicated that

decision would be made yesterday, Monday, but the Torres administration yesterday was still weighing the "legality and feasibility" of the CUC board's request, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

The exact details of such a declaration has not been made immediately clear, and if this would allow a circumventing of procurement regulations to address water

issues. Torres earlier said he would be learning what "the declaration entails and what is their solution."

Torres reiterated yesterday morning that he would be calling on and meeting with CUC on the proposed declaration of emergency for water yesterday.

Asked why was the emergency necessary, Torres said

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The Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School's Lego robotics team finished first in two categories, while coming in as runner-up in another.

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# Local

## Miss Marianas 2015 holds workshop for young women

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A mini-workshop to help young women boost their confidence was spearheaded by Miss Marianas 2015 Jian Joyner at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan last Friday.

The workshop entitled "Turn to You" was designed to help 30 young women from Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Rota High School to learn about self-re-

liance, explore their potential, and develop a community project of their own.

"There are two meanings behind 'Turn to You.' We want to show them that when they want to achieve their goals and dreams they have to rely on themselves, they have to turn to themselves at the same time, with this community project, we want to show that the community can also turn to them to make the islands a better place," Stellar Marianas president Laila Boyer said.

Aside from acting and dancing workshops, speakers during the workshop included Shirley Sablan of Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc., Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim Tenorio, and Saipan Chamber of Commerce executive director Jill Arenovski.

"It's kind of a workshop to help boost their confidence to help them see that they can do whatever it is they put their mind to," Joyner said.

Joyner said she believes the

younger generation can do more by actually going out than just relying on technology for their activities.

Joyner shared a video presentation of her "personal

experience with confidence from being insecure, not liking what I see to just changing my mindset and becoming confident especially after the pageant."

"I think the group of friends that I have in high school and the independence that I had to go through in college, helped me to see that I am capable of anything I put my mind to," Joyner said.

She noted, however, that **See WORKSHOP on Page 4**



FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON

Thirty young women from Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Rota High School learned about confidence and exploring their potential during a mini-workshop spearheaded by Miss Marianas 2015 Jian Joyner at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan last Friday. The group also had the chance to develop a community project of their own to apply what they have learned.

## Funds, sponsors sought for 2016 Agricultural Fair

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Support is being sought by the Saipan and Northern Islands Agricultural Fair Association for the upcoming Agricultural Fair in June.

According to association president Michael Ogo, the fair is set for the last Saturday of the said month or on June 25.

Like past celebrations, the fair will also coincide with June being proclaimed as National Resources Month.

Ogo said every year they start with no funds and ask the public and private sector to help them with the expenses.

"We're aiming for \$50,000," Ogo said, "We're going to be engaging the public sector, meaning ask money for the government, as well as the private sector."

Instead of holding the fair in Susupe, they will be holding this year's fair at the grounds of the Garapan Public Market at the Garapan Fishing Base.

"This is due to the fact that the [4-H] building was damaged due to Soudelor," Ogo said.

"Part of it is also to help the community to get used to the idea of having the Co-op," he added as they want to promote the newly re-opened market.

Like last year, there will be a competition for the best produce under the plant and animal divisions. The plant division will have categories for the adult and youth.

Ogo added that they are looking at an inclusion of hydroponic plants as well as pushing through a cooking contest that they were not able to implement last year due to lack of participants.

The association also aims at

bringing again the petting zoo as well as jumpers for kids to enjoy as well as add more entertainment for the whole family.




"What we're trying to do this year differently is we're looking at the possibility of having some kind of musical or dance numbers and at the same time, traditional cultural games," Ogo said.

"The whole idea is to entertain the people and make them stay longer," he added.


Last year, over 3,000 visited the fair, according to Ogo.

Ogo said they are promoting farming as a healthy lifestyle.

SNIAFA will lead the fair and will be supported by the CNMI Farmers Cooperative Association, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, and the Northern Marianas College-Cooperation Research Education Extension Services.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re General Order

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THE COMMONWEALTH JUDICIARY has in its possession certain third party funds, which have remained unclaimed for more than one year and are presumed abandoned pursuant to 1 CMC § 30103(a). According to court records, the following people may be entitled to have funds returned to them:

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8. Huawu Cheng	OAG & Immigration v. Huawu Cheng	CV-03-0115
9. Perfecto Ramos	OAG & Immigration v. Perfecto Ramos	CV-03-0276
10. Richard Cartwright	OAG & Immigration v. Daniel S. Capayas	CV-03-0600
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18. Jinming Jin	OAG & Immigration v. Jinming Jin	CV-06-0359
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21. Wen Jian Zheng	OAG & Immigration v. Chen Liang Li	CV-08-0146
22. Yakui Yang	OAG & Immigration v. Yimin Xiong	CV-08-0285
23. Hoazhe Xuan	OAG & Immigration v. Haozhe Xuan	CV-08-0295
24. Gerry B. Malit	OAG & Immigration v. Gerry B. Malit	CV-08-0388
25. Changjin Cui	OAG & Immigration v. Quanbin Jin	CV-08-0459
26. Thomas Aldan Duenas	OAG & Immigration v. Yang Zhao	CV-09-0006
27. Jihong Jin	OAG & Immigration v. Chenghuan Xu	CV-09-0042
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Parties with legal or beneficial interests in the above funds shall have until Tuesday, April 12, 2016 to make a claim with the Judiciary for the return of these funds. In order to make a claim, parties must complete a form available at the Clerk of Court's office. Upon completion, parties shall submit the original and two photocopies of the form, together with two photocopies of a valid passport and/or government-issued photo identification, to the Clerk of Court located at Door Number 1 of the Guma Hustisia, Iimwaal Aweewe on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Claims must be submitted to the Clerk of Court between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Funds listed above that remain unclaimed after April 12, 2016 will be subject to forfeiture and turned over to the Judiciary Services Revolving Fund, pursuant to 1 CMC § 30103.

On April 29, 2016, all parties named above shall appear before Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja in Courtroom 220A at 10:00 am and await the call of his or her claim by case number and captioned parties. Parties must bring a copy of their claim form with them when appearing for this court proceeding.

ENTERED this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2016

/s/ ROBERTO C. NARAJA  
Presiding Judge



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Joe Palacios reminded incumbent elected officials and those who are going to run in the mid-term elections this year not to use the 2016 Liberation Day parade to campaign. Palacios is the new float and parade sub committee chair.

Palacios replaced Mariano Fajardo, who resigned last month citing personal and health reasons. He attended yesterday's Liberation Day committee meeting at the conference room of the Saipan Mayor's Office.

Palacios said that as much as possible the committee doesn't want politics to mix with the Commonwealth's 71st commemoration of the liberation of Saipan.

"We can't accept floats that has campaign materials or show support to a candidate. As much as possible no campaigning in the parade," said Palacios.

"No displaying of political signs, vulgar signs, sponsors, or any advertising. Anybody or group caught will be disqualified and won't be allowed to join the parade," he added.

Instead, he advised groups or individuals that would be joining the parade whether competing or not, to be creative in showing this year's theme—"Our Islands, Our Heritage"—with their float entries.

"You just need to be creative with the float designs that would show this year's theme. You can either use environmental-friendly materials or others with your float entry," added Palacios.

He said that participants in the parade should also not be limited in using lowboys for

## Charges vs reservist Jucutan reduced

A superseding indictment was filed in federal court against Jordan M. Jucutan, a teacher and a member of the U.S. Army Reserves, accused of stealing referral bonuses from the U.S. Army Reserves totaling \$9,000 by fraudulently claiming that he recruited five potential soldiers and claiming the cash incentives for himself.

The superseding indictment basically reduced the charges to six from 15 charges in the original indictment.

The superseding indictment charged Jucutan with three counts of wire fraud and three counts of aggravated identity theft.

The original indictment charged Jucutan with theft of government property, five counts of aggravated identity theft, and nine counts of wire fraud.

The defendant has pleaded not guilty of the charges in the original indictment. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

# 'No campaigning during LibDay parade'



JON PEREZ  
Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, left, took part yesterday's meeting of the 2016 Liberation Day committee at the Saipan Mayor's conference room.

their floats. "There are other vehicles that you could use if lowboys won't be available for the parade. Of course, the construction companies need lowboys to run their business."

"We will exert all efforts to ask the construction companies to lend us their lowboys and we can assist any organi-

zation that would need them for their float. But you can use a car or a pickup with trailer

Palacios said that the committee is also encouraging the other islands—Northern Islands, Rota, and Tinian—to join the parade especially that all islands are represented by the 29 candidates who joined

in this year's Liberation Day Royal Court.

"We are expecting to have more floats this year since there is a record number of Liberation Day Queen candidates. What the committee wanted is to have the people enjoy the parade and the celebration," added Palacios.

Applications for the float parade—competing or non competing—opened yesterday with the deadline of submission of entries set on June 27. Entry fee for those competing is \$100, non-refundable, while non-competing is free.

Prizes for the float competition is \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000,

and \$1,000 for the top four places.

Palacios said a briefing and orientation of all participants in the float parade would be scheduled at a latter date. "The most important thing is safety of the participants and the crowd. We don't want anybody to get hurt."

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## OIA grants to benefit weights and measures, state access online portal

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REPORTER

The CNMI Department of Commerce, through the administration, was awarded two grants by the Office of Insular Affairs.

According to Commerce Secretary Mark Rabauliman, they were given \$90,000 and \$240,000 worth of grants for two projects.

The first one is the Technical Assistance Program grant for regional weights and measurements capacity building, not only for the CNMI but for the whole Micronesia Region as well.

"That is basically to develop standardization across the board in terms of weights and measures and also to showcase what are the new tools out there that are available," Rabauliman said.

This will help in ensuring that buyers receive and sellers provide the weight and measure represented in all commercial transactions so that equity may prevail and that all consumers receive the true measure of what they pay for.

The objective is to meet the requirements of the weights and measures standards and regulations established by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology.

According to the U.S. Department of Interior, the funds for this grant "will be used for regional training and certifica-

tion of weights and measures inspectors" as well as "implementation of new equipment and tools to allow for uniformity of measurement techniques for the CNMI and the region."

"We're going to contract a specialist out in the U.S. to come and train, not only our folks here in the CNMI, but the invitation will be open also to our Micronesian islands," Rabauliman said.

USDOJ noted that the CNMI estimates \$3 million in annual losses to fraud due to inaccurate weights and measurements to more than 6,000 40-foot containers arrive at the

Saipan seaport each year.

The second grant is for the state access online portal which will streamline and will serve as a tool for business and individuals to access social services benefits, apply for business license, and file tax online among others.

Rabauliman noted that the portal will serve as a virtual one-stop help center for the CNMI government and will cut costs and improves accountability and efficiency.

"The concept behind that, is trying to enable the CNMI to move forward in the technological world," Rabauliman said.

They are currently reviewing online portal tools being offered in some states in the mainland such as California, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

"Not only do I want to thank the Office of Grants Management but also Press Secretary Ivan Blanco for his assistance in developing the concept," Rabauliman said.

"It's really trying to work towards streamlining and having easy access for the people that we serve. With all the increasing bandwidth, it's really an opportune time to really try and put those things in place," he added.



### HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR

Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. is a major sponsor of a \$5,000 hole-in-one for the upcoming 12th Annual Festival of the Pacific Arts (FestPac) fundraiser golf tournament to be held at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort on Saturday, April 16. For information about the golf tournament please contact Parker Yobei from the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture at 670-322-9982/9983. In the photo, Pacifica Insurance executive vice president Shirley Sablan and underwriter Samantha Sikayun, both seated left, present the prize certificate to CCAC executive director Angel Hocog, seated second right. Also in the photo are representatives of the 2016 CNMI Fest Pac Organizing Committee and other Pacifica Insurance staffers.

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## TORRES

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means "not just extra funds but also extra care for our law enforcement out there."

Torres wants regulations to be "as strict as possible" and does not mind if the CNMI's regulations were the strictest regulations around.

"I don't think there is anyone in this office," Torres also said, who wants to "see handguns in the streets."

Manibusan, for his part, spoke to the "orientation" that law enforcement would need with the new law, which he called a "tool," in place, and said he would be meeting with them in the coming days.

He described the bill as one with "strong language that ensures the safety of gun owners and citizens." He also thanked law enforcement, and all those who supported the bill.

"This is a day where we should be happy that gun control should be put in place," said Manibusan. "But it's not really a happy day. This is not something we want in the Commonwealth, the proliferation of handguns."

"There is a still a long wait to go," he said, to provide strict guidelines and regulations to enforce the law.

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), among the body of House lawmakers who added a slew of amendments to expand "gun free" zones to day-care centers and clinics, said these new zones for children were drafted to get a "degree of contentment for families."

Demapan said yesterday it was very important to have protections in place as the law enforcement "duties and jurisdiction landscape drastically change."

"We are trying not to make it difficult for people, we are trying to make it safe," he said.

On Friday, Manibusan wrote to Torres to declare the proposed SAFE Act legally sufficient

He noted, though, one concern, which could suggest future challenges to the gun law, as the scope and rights of the Second Amendment are being debated in higher courts.

Manibusan was speaking to a House of Representatives amendment to impose a \$1,000 excise tax on pistols.

He said although taxing jurisdictions are given broad

discretionary authority to impose taxes to protect general welfare, he was concerned that the \$1,000 tax per pistol may be "too excessive and unreasonably infringes on an individual's fundamental right protected by the Second Amendment." He added, though, that this office was "prepared to defend" this provision of the bill.

"There are several cases involving gun control and the scope of the Second Amendment that are before the federal courts including a case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals dealing with controls on the carrying of firearms in public places," Manibusan said, in his two-page letter Friday. "Indeed, that same issue remains pending in the district court in *Murphy v. DeLeon Guerrero*," he added, referring to another case challenging the CNMI's gun law.

"My office will continue to monitor the case law as these issues move through the federal courts and make recommend changes to Commonwealth law as deemed necessary," he added.

The SAFE Act fills the void in regulations that were left

in the wake of U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona's widely unpopular ruling to side with David J. Radich and his wife Li-Rong, who had challenged the constitutionality of the CNMI Weapons Control Act that prohibited all residents from obtaining handguns for self-defense purposes.

Many in the NMI believe, though, that the CNMI had complied with the Second Amendment with its permit of guns like .410 shotguns and .22 caliber rifles.

However, Manglona, in ruling in favor of the Radich couple, cited the Supreme Court's earlier application of the Second Amendment that struck down the District of Columbia's ban on handguns.

Notably, though, the AG office has cited the same ruling—the District of Columbia v. *Heller* Case—to emphasize that rights under the Second Amendment are "not unlimited," and drafted the SAFE Act with this in mind.

The AG has said that SAFE Act is a "first in a series of bills" to be offered by his office in the wake of the federal court ruling.

## DLNR

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also acknowledged areas that they would like to "fine tune" and come to an agreement—most likely through a Micronesia Chief Executive Summit meeting—to "uniformly enforce this anti-shark harvest."

"They are working toward that," Seman told reporters outside the Office of the Governor building yesterday morning.

Palau, for its part, has declared its entire ocean as a sanctuary, whereas the CNMI and Guam ban the finning of sharks.

Marshall is similar to Palau that they have their entire exclusive economic zone as a shark sanctuary.

Seman said the CNMI is currently under the regional sanctuary under the approval of the late governor Eloy S. Inos through an earlier Micronesia Chief Executive Summit, an official body and meeting of regional leaders.

"Anybody caught with shark in these waters will be enforced upon and prosecuted," he said.

Still, when asked if the CNMI laws need updating, Seman said, "Definitely."

CNMI laws only prohibit the actual finning and "not the whole shark byproduct," Seman said.

Finning law takes care of the "shark soup," Seman said, but added that some of the concerns of citizens is there are byproduct of sharks, such as nutritional supplements, that are still coming into some of the CNMI's high-end stores.

"Some of them felt that we should prohibit that as well. But under our current law it doesn't really focus on that."

If there was such a law, it needs to be "very specific," he said, "that says exactly that."

Seman acknowledged that one could kill a shark but just as long as they don't fin it.

"Right now, under personal consumption, nothing can stop you. You can bring in any shark and eat it for yourself. But you are not allowed to commercialize it, or you are not allowed to sell it."

"As far as the prohibition is concerned on the commercial activity, the current law only focuses on the fin," he said.

## WATER

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that according statistics provided by CUC, "there were \$15 million loss [of water] as of last week" in water.

"That's critical," he told reporters yesterday. "And I have asked them to work diligently and give me a report on the water situation here in the CNMI. Our ultimate goal is to get a [reverse osmosis] system so people can start drinking water. I have asked them to do it by phases, or grids, or zones. But if we are getting this loss, this 50 percent loss [of water], it's not feasible to bring an RO system when we can't even fix our own system of water leakage."

Torres said he has asked CUC's water task force to "prioritize" the water leakage, reportedly at over 70 percent "unaccounted for" water.

CUC board member from Tinian, Eric San Nicolas, made the motion to request Torres to issue an emergency declaration immediately after the board emerged from a

three-hour executive session on Friday.

The motion was to "request from the Governor's Office to make an emergency declaration as a result of the cost to address the state of the water infrastructure on Saipan and the financial inability of CUC to fund that cost which gives CUC the eminent inability to provide adequate, 24-hour water supply for the residents of Saipan that affects the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Saipan," San Nicolas said.

The CUC board, with David Sablan absent, voted to approve the motion.

The CNMI government has declared monthly a state of emergency for CUC's power infrastructure that allows, among others, the CNMI governor to reprogram funds, suspend procurement laws or rules to address the emergency, and allows CUC to retain staff not U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

CUC has been under this state of emergency for more than 10 years now.

## WORKSHOP

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one must also believe in herself.

"It's really up to you, people can tell you you're beautiful, but you really have to believe that you are that in order to see that," Joyner said.

"Confidence is when you realize that you're okay just the way you are. I used to be so down on myself, I used to

be so insecure," she added.

This project was part of the award given to Joyner for winning the Miss Marianas title last May.

"We assisted her in developing the community project," Boyer said, "She really wanted to share the ability to teach other young women how to be more self reliant and be able to explore their own potential and the ability to put together a community project."



# DFW employee allegedly threatens to kill girlfriend, 2 cops, their families

An employee of the Division of Fish and Wildlife allegedly created disturbance during an argument with his girlfriend at her house in Illiyan last weekend, resisted police arrest, and threatened to kill her and two police officers and their family.

Police said Steven Pangelinan Rasa also bragged he is untouchable because of his family's strong connection with government officials.

Rasa, 40, was arrested on Saturday at 4:02am for assault, criminal mischief, disturbing the peace, criminal trespass, obstruction of justice, resisting arrest, and unlawful contact.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$20,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for April 19.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark was appointed as counsel for Rasa. Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government.

Police Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that Rasa arrived in a taxi at the house of his girlfriend in Illiyan on Saturday at 9pm and knocked on the door.

The girlfriend, who was awakened, let Rasa in and told him that she had a long day and wanted to rest. Rasa decided to step outside, where he smoked cigarette and consumed wine.

Later at 3am, Saturday, the girlfriend was awakened

again when Rasa walked into her bedroom and started saying crazy things like he's a ghost and that he wanted to beat up somebody.

The girlfriend asked Rasa if he was threatening her and told him to sleep. She also asked if he was on "something."

Rasa started raising his voice. The girlfriend told him he was too loud and was waking up her son.

The girlfriend asked Rasa to go with her outside to smoke. When he walked out the front door, she, however, instead closed and locked the front door.

Rasa was yelling at her to open the front door. He kept on pounding on the glass of the front door with his fist.

Rasa yelled at his girlfriend to come out or else he would kill her. She told him to get a taxi and leave because he was getting loud and rowdy.

At 3:54am, the girlfriend called the Department of Public Safety, informing the police that there was a disturbance at her place and that Rasa walked on Beach Road and she was afraid he might hurt whoever he comes across with.

On the way out of the house, Rasa punched and smashed the rear window of a 1995 Toyota Land Cruiser registered to his girlfriend's friend.

A moment after calling the police, Rasa came back with a bloody right hand and began throwing plastic chairs around the front door.

Rasa punched a big hole on top of a plastic table. He also punched the front glass door as he demanded his girlfriend to open the door.

After calling police for help, the girlfriend armed herself with a machete to defend herself and her 13-year-old son.

When Police Officer Daniel Kintol arrived, Rasa was standing at the front door of the victim's house. As the officer was talking to the girlfriend to find out what was



Rasa

happening, Rasa stood up and shouted profanities at her and walked aggressively toward her.

Kintol instructed Rasa to step aside, but he refused and instead became aggressive toward the officer.

The officer attempted to secure Rasa in handcuffs, but he pulled away and resisted.

During the struggle, the officer managed to secure Rasa in handcuffs. While the officer escorted him to his patrol vehicle, Rasa confronted the

officer.

"You don't know who I am? I am strong. I got power in the government! You're nothing! My family is Kazuma and I hope I don't kill you and your family," Rasa was allegedly quoted as saying to the officer.

Rasa asked the officer where he is from. When Kintol replied he came from Palau, Rasa told the officer that he is going to regret this because he is going to kill him and his whole family.

Rasa stated he works at the Division of Fish and Wildlife and that he knows the people

in the government and that Kintol would lose his job.

Two other police officers came and assisted Kintol in detaining Rasa.

Rasa again stated he was going to kill Kintol and that he is powerful and that he is a ghost because he is untouchable.

While being transported to the Department of Corrections, Rasa allegedly threatened to kill Police Officer Carlo Evangelista and his family.

Police said Rasa also stated he has a lot of power in the government because of his family. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

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# Torres: No quake but will look into the matter

On the wee and dark hours of Monday morning, residents felt what some described as “earthquake” or “sonic boom” rattling and shaking their homes for a few disquieting seconds. The surprise event was felt and heard particularly around south of Saipan and near the airport, but as of press time yesterday it’s still unclear what caused the disturbance.

The administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is looking into the matter.

Torres said yesterday there was “no earthquake.” The U.S. Geological Survey website was also bereft of any details of seismic activity. Its earthquake map did not report any seismic activity near the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas during the time a “quake” or “shaking

of the ground” was reported by some residents around 1:30am yesterday.

“We were not flying in the CNMI training ranges last night,” Lt. Tim Gorman, public affairs office of Joint Region Marianas, also said yesterday.

When asked about the disturbance yesterday, Torres said there was “no earthquake,” and that he would be working with his staff to ask neighboring island of Guam “what is going on.”

Torres confirmed that about three weeks ago the Joint Region Marianas told him that a disturbance—that many believed an earthquake—was actually a sonic boom resulting from U.S. military training in the area.

“We had one or two last

night and we had one last week Thursday. It just seems like there has been too many in just a short time without any justification as to what is going on,” Torres said, indicating his belief that this was due to U.S. military training.

“...To my understanding,” Torres said, “they were supposed to give us an update on what’s going on so that we too can give a community an alert, an awareness that something is going on.”

Torres, who lives in Koblerville, said he felt the vibration and said it lasted a “couple of seconds” and was “pretty strong.”

Residents in the As Lito area also felt the vibration rattling the air and objects in their rooms on Monday morning.

Last week Saturday, USGS recorded magnitude 5 quake centered at 83.3 miles east

northeast of Anatahan or 127.4 miles northeast of Saipan. Another magnitude 4.9 quake

was also recorded 45.4 miles south southwest of Hagatna, Guam. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

## ON UNPAID COURT JUDGMENTS ISSUE:

# Dotts: There is no system in place

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

Attorney Michael W. Dotts has stated that the current state of affairs in the CNMI is that there is no system in place to fairly satisfy court judgments.

Dotts said those who are well connected are more likely to get their court judgments paid than those who are not.

This violates the equal protection mandate, which requires that “all persons similarly situated should be treated alike,” said the lawyer in support of his clients’ motion to declare the CNMI’s 2016 Budget Act unconstitutional.

Dotts is counsel for plaintiffs Jotonia B. Aguon, Timothy Cruz, and Gorgony Camacho.

Aguon and Cruz are holding a \$35,000 judgment against the government in connection with their lawsuit over the death of their child at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Gorgony Camacho is holding a \$10,000 judgment against the government in connection with his medical malpractice lawsuit against CHC.

To collect payment of the two judgments that were entered in 2013, Dotts filed motions for orders in aid of judgment. He asked the Superior Court to declare the 2016 Budget Act unconstitutional. The two cases were

consolidated.

In plaintiffs’ reply on Friday in support of their motion to declare the 2016 Budget Act unconstitutional, Dotts said the unbalanced budget combined with the lack of any system to fairly satisfy judgments violates Equal Protection clause of the CNMI or U.S. Constitutions.

Dotts said the government argues that the current state of affairs does not violate the Equal Protection clause because it is reasonable for the Commonwealth to settle its claims rather than proceeding to litigation.

“The elephant in the room is that the Commonwealth’s method of encouraging settlement is to refuse to pay judgments,” he said.

So, the lawyer said, the Commonwealth places tort victims in the position not of choosing between settlement or litigation, but of choosing between receiving nothing or accepting an unconscionably low settlement offer.

Meanwhile, Dotts said, those who have already received judgments finding government actors liable for their injuries, are left unpaid as part of this system.

Dotts said a judgment is a legal entitlement and due process is violated where the holder is indefinitely deprived.

The lawyer cited the 2014 Financial Audit that shows there are \$58,682,325 in un-

paid claims and judgments.

Dotts said using the \$58.7 million numbers and assuming no new judgments are entered, at the rate of \$8,000 per year, it will take over 7,000 years to satisfy the judgments.

“That is effectively the same as never paying the judgments, in other words, permanently depriving judgment-holding tort victims of a property entitlement without any procedural protections, and without any legitimate reason,” he pointed out.

The 2016 Budget Act only appropriates \$8,000 for judgments against the CNMI.

This permanent deprivation, Dotts said, violates Article 1, section 5 of the CNMI Constitution and the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Dotts said the Superior Court has jurisdiction over questions of CNMI constitutional law.

He said the unconstitutionality of the 2016 Budget Act affects all victims of the Commonwealth Health Center Corp. medical malpractice who hold judgments against the government.

Dotts said the government’s argument that plaintiffs’ injuries are self-inflicted is misplaced.

He said the government’s argument is particularly “heartless and far-fetched.”

Dotts said this statement addresses individuals who lost a child and who underwent a second surgery due to the negligence of Commonwealth employees.

The Office of the Attorney General recently requested Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho to stop further proceedings pertaining to the motion to declare the 2016 Budget Act unconstitutional.

Assistant attorney general David Lochabay, counsel for the government, asserted that Camacho should stay further proceedings pending the CNMI Supreme Court’s decision on the government’s petition to prohibit the judge from hearing on the budget issue.

Lochabay said they have shown that Camacho lacks jurisdiction to hear the motion to declare the 2016 Budget Act unconstitutional.

He said the government has also shown that it should be granted a stay of the proceedings under either of the formulations for considering a motion to stay.

Camacho set a hearing of the motion to stay for April 29, 2016 to allow the opposing attorney to file opposition.



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# SDA Lego robotics team reaps honors in regionals

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

The Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School's Lego robotics team finished first in two categories, while coming in as runner-up in another in last Sunday's 10th Annual North Pacific Regional Robotics Challenge at the Walla Walla Valley Academy in College Place in Washington.

Only three of the five members of the team went to Walla Walla, Washington. Sixth grader Rannon Palacios and fifth graders Sion Park and Miles Timmons made the trip with coach Melanie Stroud. Cory Lee and Harvey Zhang are the other team members.

Team SDA won first place in the Robot Design category with their Project Presentation—on the research of turning waste to energy—also earning top honors. They clinched runner-up honors in Core

Values/Teamwork.

The team also finished second overall out of 15 other SDA schools that competed in the regional's and earned enough points to get invited to the nationals in Sacramento, California later this month.

Judges and organizers give different topics every year. For this year, the mission is all about recycling, the reuse and reduction of trash. Teams earn points in completing each mission and get deductions for failing to accomplish it.

The team is expected to be back on Saipan on Wednesday night. They left Saipan last Thursday where they first headed to Guam, then took a more than eight-hour flight to Honolulu then to Seattle. They drove from Seattle to Walla Walla.

The Adventist Robotics League and Walla Walla Univer-

sity's Edward F. Cross School of Engineering organizes and sponsors the annual event in cooperation with the First Lego League and the Junior FLL.

The annual robotics challenge gathers all the Adventist schools in North America where the CNMI is part of the region. The Saipan SDA team, which joined for the first time, competed against other students from the fourth to eighth grades.

The ARL was formed in 2002 to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics to students. The competition helps students with their analytical thinking and teaches them to appreciate the sciences and math.

MEGAByte Saipan, Saipan SDA Dental Clinic with the doctors and staff, Café Mango Six, and Best Sunshine International, Ltd. helped out in funding the team's trip to Washington.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School students, from left, Miles Timmons, Sion Park, and Rannon Palacios display their plaque after earning the honor in last Sunday's 10th Annual North Pacific Regional Robotics Challenge at the Walla Walla Valley Academy in College Place in Washington.

## 'San Jose car crash was head-on collision'

The two cars figured in a crash in front of Dolphin Wholesale in San Jose Thursday night, leaving five persons injured, collided head on.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde said yesterday that when their emergency medical technicians arrived at the scene, they

came upon two vehicles that had collided head on.

Gersonde said one vehicle had five occupants, while the second had three.

Gersonde said emergency medical technicians examined and treated all five occupants of one car, then transported them to the Commonwealth Health Center's

emergency room.

He said in the second car, the driver, a 21-year-old man, and his passengers—a 19-year-old female, and a 1-year-old girl—had no complaints and refused medical treatment.

He said in the first car, the driver, a 17-year-old male, complained of left knee soreness.

The other passenger, a 51-year-old woman, complained of back pain.

A 15-year-old male, who was sitting behind the driver, complained of right extremity pain with swelling, bleeding, and abrasions.

A 14-year-old male, who was sitting in the middle rear seat, complained of right leg pain.

A 15-year-old male, who

was sitting behind the front right passenger seat, complained of shortness of breath.

The injured persons were in a Toyota Corolla. They came from the Thursday Market in Garapan, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Gersonde said DFEMS received a call from the Department of Public Safety's 911 dispatch about the vehicular crash on Thursday

at 9:53pm.

He said DFEMS medics from Koblerville, Garapan, and Susupe fire stations were dispatched to the scene.

Gersonde said any information regarding the vehicles and or cause of the accident should be referred to DPS.

As of yesterday, DPS had yet to provide information about the accident. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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# VapSpot aims to help smokers kick habit

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

Louis Rogers is no medical expert but he testifies that electronic cigarettes have helped him and his customers kick the habit of lighting up another one. He added that he also has some clients that also even quit chewing betel nut.

"I never make any medical claims and I won't make some but based on my own experience, [e-cigarettes] got me out of cigarettes," said Rogers, who owns the recently re-opened VapSpot in Dandan right across the Joeten Building.

E-cigarettes are commonly battery-powered. These are vaporizers, where the term vaping was derived from, that give you the feeling of smoking but minus the tobacco.

Rogers said while the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is still conducting studies on e-cigarettes, there are several researches in the United Kingdom claimed that it is 95 percent safer than regular cigarettes.

"And the signs show a lot of people quit smoking tobacco products. That's why the FDA has extended its research until

2022 to conduct more studies on e-cigarettes," added Rogers, who used to smoke for 27 years.

He said it was almost four years ago that he acquired his first e-cigarette. "I have not smoked a cigarette for three years when I switched to e-cigarette. The transition was pretty successful and it helped me to slowly withdraw from nicotine."

Rogers said that using e-cigarettes, or vaping, is a good and suitable alternative to regular smoking. "The trends show that a pretty good percentage of e-cigarette users got them to quit regular cigarettes."

## Re-launch

Rogers said last April 2 was just a re-opening of his place since he had a previous spot located at the back of the same building. "Initially, I do online sales and everything is done on the Internet. My first place was like a small office and we're like cramped inside it."

"The growing market of local customers made me decide that it's about time to get a bigger place. I am pretty much hands on in putting up the place since I know the style and design that I wanted," he added.

VapSpot's new place gives customers a warm and cozy feeling. "It is like a man-cave for the gents. It looks like a big living room that is good to hang out with your friends. I will be adding some more shelves where customers can try other juices and flavors."

Nick Rabauliman, one of Rogers' regular customers, said the new place is a lot more convenient. "It has a full staff that could assist you. The hours are good for people on the go or you could always stop by after work and try the new fluids."

## For mature adults

But does Rogers promote underage smoking? "The question is, will this be a gateway for young adults to get started smoking cigarettes?"

"We have an age limit of 18 years old up. It's an attraction for them. Seeing the smoke or the vapor that comes out, they think it's cool. It only gives you the notion that you're smoking but what you have is only flavors without the nicotine. We don't promote smoking and we don't want them to start it. This is for mature adults."

Rogers said he won't blame the skeptics and other

people who think that vaping is also smoking. "Fear of the unknown is an unfortunate thing. I am not a pushy salesman. I let someone make the informed decision and make sure that it would be his or her own personal choice. It doesn't harm to try."

## Satisfied customers

Rabauliman, Paul Manglona, and Mike Richter—who quit smoking more than three months ago—testify that e-cigarettes helped them abandon their respective vices.

Manglona said that he was a smoker for almost 17 years but had already quit seven months ago. "It helped me stop, but gradually. When I first started, I was using fluids that still had 6 percent nicotine. Then down to 3, right now I'm trying to reach zero."

He added that VapSpot, is the first of its kind on the island. "I just started vaping and its fun. Now it has become a hobby. With this facility, it's a nice place to hang out with your friends. This is one of the best that I've seen so far, and I've been to Guam and the mainland."

Rabauliman, on the other hand, used to smoke ciga-

rettes, and chew tobacco and betel nut. A regular visit to the dentist, coupled by the amount of money he spends in cigarettes and betel nut, made him decide to quit his vices.

"The dentist told me that I could get oral cancer unless I stop smoking and chewing. I need to find something better and somebody told me about e-cigarettes, so I tried it. It is something different and I've been vaping since then. I haven't been back since then," added Rabauliman.

Before, Rabauliman said that he used to spend more than \$25 a day—from buying cigarettes, betel nut, lime, and pepper leaf—compared to \$22 for each bottle of the fluids used in e-cigarettes that could last for a month.

"It has helped me with my cigarette smoking. Slowly, it limited my nicotine levels. It is beneficial since I already stopped smoking. The smell is also not that awful compared to cigarettes that after you smoke one stick, the odor sticks."

## Over \$6K raised at Fiji drive

The Fiji Relief Drive last Saturday drew the community together in support of Fiji in the wake of the devastating Cyclone Winston.

By 3pm on Saturday afternoon, the drive collected \$6,500 dollars in cash and got two-thirds of a 40-foot container filled with donations, according to one of the group organizers and volunteer Gary Sword of the radio station KKMP.

The drive started at early on Saturday morning.

"My heart is thankful for our community because they continue to give and give and give," said Sword. "This is eight months since [Typhoon] Soudelor and we are just recovering too. But the people did come by so far.

Sword said the 40-foot container was donated by Kyowa Shipping line, through Saipan shipping, and that the shipping line has done the same in the past for Chuuk, Yap, and Samoa. "They've always contributed and that shows corporate responsibility, when you serve a community, when something is hurting you need to reach out to that."

Sword said they're thankful for Kyowa line and Saipan shipping company, the Office of the Governor for helping with the event, and the Pacific Century Fellows who took care of the money and counting.

He also thanked the Lions Club, and the liberation queens, and the Saipan Mayor's Office.

Fiji and the CNMI have a history, Sword added. Fiji midwives back in the '80s and '90s birthed a lot of the folks in the CNMI right now, whose kids are now having babies, he said.

"These people left their homes and came here to serve us and now it's time for us to return the favor back to them. We are really grateful. We are hopeful we can fill up this container today and whatever money we have we will transmit to the government of Fiji."

Sword said the money

would be going through the government of Fiji, its natural disaster office, that coordinates with "all of the love that has been generated" over the world and has been sent over after the cyclone.

Sword said the container was filled with boxes of toys, blankets, clothes, shoes, car seats, baby cribs, tools, diapers, and also a unique gift given by D&Q—120 cases of soap, with each case holding 72 bars of soap.

"That's going to go a long way," Sword said. "After a typhoon you've got to take a shower. These are things that we are really thankful for."

"They are boxes of toys. That's going to really bless somebody...Everything and anything you can think. It's a store in there. You can open a store with what's in that 40ft container. We know that the people will be blessed." The people of Fiji...that have been hit are farm areas. Its rural areas where people don't have much and this will go a long way to help them."

Sword said he and his wife would be on Fiji on May 4 for a family reunion that they have been planning for two years. Whatever money they collect up to May 3 will be turned into cashier's check and be presented to the Fiji prime minister when they visit Fiji on behalf of the CNMI governor and people.

Own Cholymay, newly elected president of the Chuukese Association, said their volunteering on Saturday, was "really from our heart." Even if they are from different islands they want to help each other, he said.

"We want to come down and show our support to our brothers and sisters from Fiji. It's not only that, but we have experienced...this thing has happened to us back home. "We cannot offer much but at least something" like "barbecue for everyone and show love to them on behalf of the Chuukese community." (Dennis B. Chan)



VapSpot owner Louis Rogers gives some remarks before the opening of his shop in Dandan.

Lorena Rabauliman assists customers who want to try the flavors of their e-cigarettes.

## Water service interrupted in 3 villages

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers located in Lower Dandan (Shell Gas Station), As Lito, and upper Koblerville areas are currently experiencing an emergency water service in-

terruption due to a broken water line in front of Guangdong Hardware in As Lito.

Water operations personnel were informed and repairs were initiated this yesterday

morning and are anticipated to be completed by this morning. Water services will be restored soon thereafter, to the affected areas.

For more information, con-

tact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). (PR)



# Federal court rules in favor Baldwin, Bridge Capital

The U.S. District Court of the NMI last Thursday ruled in favor of John K. Baldwin and Bridge Capital, and against the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (the "Lao government") in a strongly worded opinion that questioned the Lao government's intent, noting that its claims were based on "little more than unsupported allegations of wrongdoing" and finding that it was "essentially motivated by bad faith."

Northern Mariana Islands resident John K. Baldwin said, "I am pleased by the ruling issued yesterday (Thursday) in which the court characterized the actions of the Lao government as 'harassment' and 'a fishing expedition.' The court's ruling firmly rejected the Lao government's request on all grounds and this shows the world that this frivolous case against me and my company are without merit."

The court questioned the Lao Government's intent, noting that its claims were based on "little more than unsupported allegations of wrongdoing" and finding that it was "essentially motivated by bad faith."

Among the favorable decisions for Bridge Capital and Baldwin, the court questioned whether the Lao government genuinely believed any of the claims it was raising, stating that, "It appears that Lao government's true intent is not to...support criminal... prosecution, but rather to use the [purported] criminal investigation to obtain discovery for the [civil dispute] proceedings" further noting that the request was "more of a fishing expedition than a legitimate use of [the law]."

Further questioning the Lao government's motives, the court noted that the Lao government already "gave up its criminal investigation" and that it failed to initiate any prosecutorial action for years only applying "for discovery in aid of its [purported] criminal investigation after initiating the [civil dispute] ..." According to the court, that delay further undermined the Lao government's credibility and, "raise[d] doubts about the independence and good faith of that investigation"—a suspicion shared by a previous international arbitration tribunal.

Characterizing the Lao government's allegations against Bridge Capital and Baldwin as flimsy pretexts, the court ultimately found that the Lao government's stated intent was merely a ruse.

Baldwin added: "Unfortunately, these types of unscrupulous tactics are nothing new for the Lao government."

The Lao government (a totalitarian communist regime where, according to Freedom House, one of the preeminent authorities on democracy and freedom, says "the rule of law... is highly compromised") was represented by Eric H. Cottrell of the North Carolina law firm Parker Poe, John D. Branson formerly of Parker Poe, and now of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP, and William Fitzgerald, Lao's local counsel. According to the United States Department of State, Laos employs "[o]fficials [who] often engage in corrupt practices with impunity." Threatening criminal prosecution without evidence of wrongdoing is just another

tool employed by a repressive state renowned for "crush[ing] anything deemed to be a threat to its monopoly on power" and regulating "virtually every facet of life."

"Scholars such as Martin

Stuart-Fox have written articles demonstrating that the Lao government wields allegations of criminal behavior as an effective device to intimidate or silence detractors," said Deborah Deitsch-Perez,

counsel for Bridge and Baldwin in this matter.

As Bridge Capital's briefing to the court shows, "it is precisely because the businesses that Mr. Baldwin ran in Laos would not pay bribes that [the

Lao government] trumped up false charges and abused U.S. law in an attempt to coerce Mr. Baldwin into abandoning efforts to require [the Lao government] to live up to its commitments." (PR)

## Speech and Debate team prepares for Nationals in Utah



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of this year's CNMI National Speech and Debate team pose for a photo at a recent meeting with their coaches at Marianas High School. Not in photo is Saipan International School representative Cerinn Hwang.

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Fifteen students from the island's public and private schools make up this year's national speech and debate team and will travel to Salt Lake City, Utah in early June for the national tilt.

The champion orators were named at the recent regional competition at Marianas High School and will vie for national titles against other com-

petitors from over 100 schools in the mainland in their respective categories. Eight high schools competed in the CNMI regional competition.

Marianas High School's Masrur Alam will be vying for the top spot in international extemporaneous speaking, while Mount Carmel School's Thomas Manglona II and Cathryn Javier will compete in Lincoln-Douglas debate and commentary, respectively. Elizabeth Rose Jones from

Kagman High School will be competing in humorous interpretation. Grace Christian Academy's Yujin Lee will represent the islands in dramatic interpretation. Northern Marianas Academy's Rebekah Kim is set to compete in original oratory. Saipan Southern High School's Jeremiah Fernandez will be competing in storytelling.

The MHS tandem of Yuuki Nishida and Jayrald Mercene will represent the islands in the duo category. Fellow competitor Ann Margaret Norcio will be competing in United States extemporaneous speaking and Kelvin Wolf for prose reading. Saipan International School's Cerinn Hwang will be traveling for expository, SSHS' Soon Ho Kwon for poetry, and GCA's Minna Ito for impromptu speaking.

Jonelle Toskas from Mt. Carmel School will also travel to the national competition for her win in the regional Chamorro categories.

The national team has already convened for practices, which will take place every week in the next two months.

Veteran orator and NJSDA national winner Yujin Lee told *Saipan Tribune* that she is elated and thankful for having earned a spot on the national team.

"I will do my best in my performance. By using what I have learned in the previous years, I hope to bring back better results that reflect our team's hard work," she added. "I hope that through experi-

ence, I will learn more and improve my speech and performance skills. We have an immensely talented team that I am excited to work with."

For his part, Masrur Alam described his previous experience at the national level as life-changing.

He said, "I am looking to expand more content in my speech and that is by being more aware of what is happening around the world."

Former student competitor and current MHS speech coach Dencio Manglona explained that the CNMI team is taking its usual, organized approach to preparing for the national competition.

"This year, more than half of the students who made it are veterans who have seen the nationals tournament before," he said.

"We're going to rely on the skills our coaches bring to the table to prepare them in source selection and choreography, and then we're going to expose them to intensive creative input to get them to the best place they can be before Salt Lake City," he added.

CNMI Speech and Debate Association board chair Harold Easton lauded the student orators for their fear of not speaking in public.

"This is one of the most talented teams I have ever seen," he said. "If they put together a lot of hard work, they should do very well at nationals. The CNMI will have no problem being proud of this group."



### MALLARDS MATH COURT TEAM

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The Garapan Elementary School Math Court Team is preparing for the Regional competition on April 16 at William S. Reyes Elementary School. The school's 4th grade regional team is made up of Abigail Alovera, Javan Mendez, Jeroen Montenejo, Christine Retirado, Raja Sevugan, and Ashley Muleta. Rob Epley is the 4th grade teacher and coach.



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### EDITORIAL

## Congress shouldn't fund what Pentagon doesn't want

**T**he Pentagon's mission in this unsettled world is "to ensure that anyone who starts a conflict with us will regret doing so." That was the pointed message Defense Secretary Ash Carter had for members of the Senate Armed Services Committee at a March 17 hearing at which he urged Congress to approve a \$583 billion defense budget for next fiscal year and to block sequestration cuts mandated by the 2011 Budget Control Act.

Carter said the Pentagon was requesting 50 percent more money for the fight against Islamic State, which he warned was "metastasizing" in Africa and Afghanistan, far from its core territory in Iraq and Syria. He said strategists concluded more must also be done to address the challenges posed by Russia, China, North Korea and Iran.

Not only did Carter's message resonate with senators, some said he should have asked for even more money. "I contend we are in the most threatened condition we've ever been in as a nation," said Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla. "I feel wistful for the days of the Cold War."

But this sympathy for the Pentagon's budget straits can't be reconciled with the behavior of lawmakers who see military spending as akin to pork. This predilection is on display on two fronts.

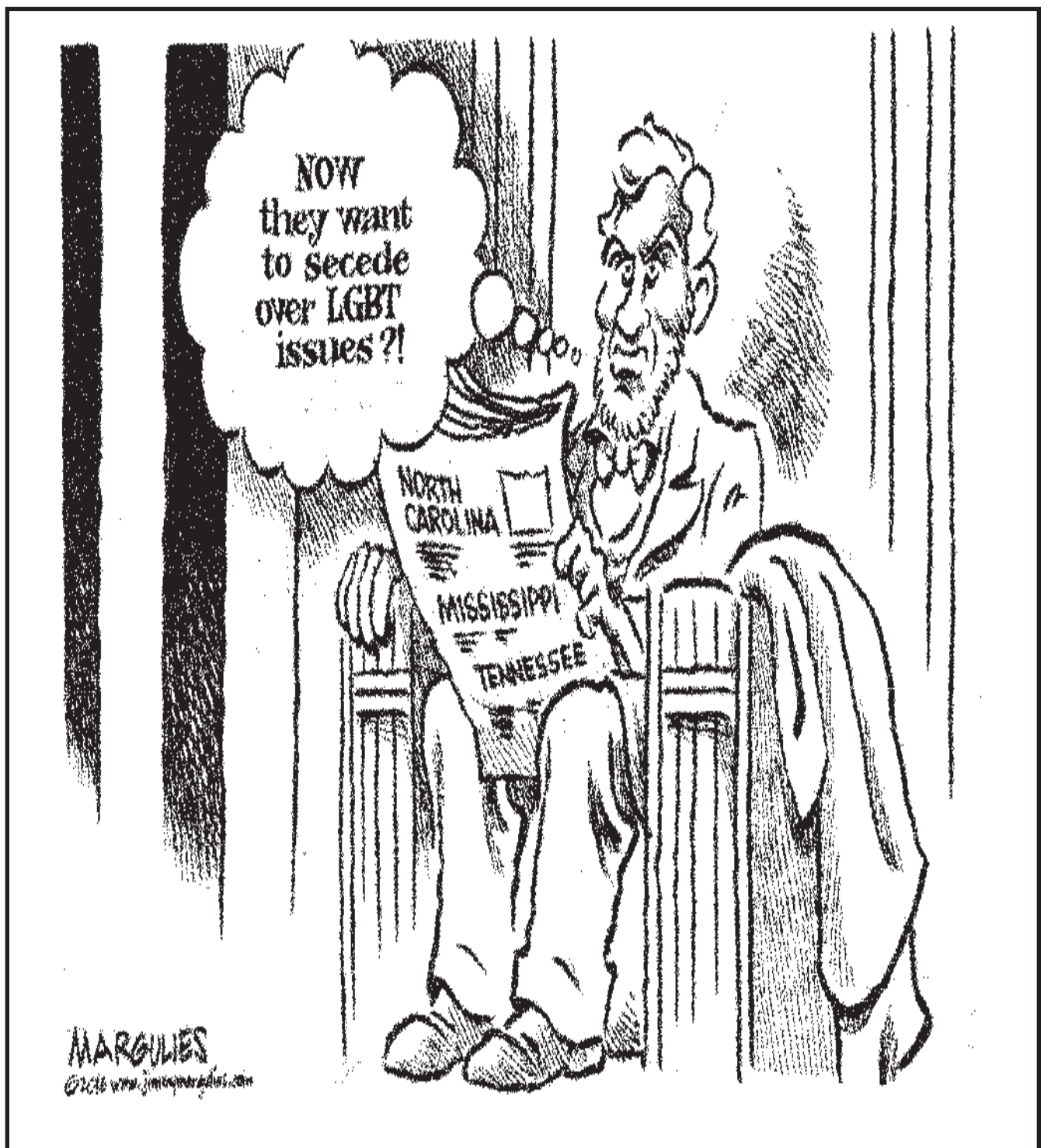
The first lies in the near-reflexive hostility that elected officials have to closing unneeded military facilities in their home states. In a 2004 analysis, the Pentagon estimated that it had 24 percent more facilities than it needed. But the Base Realignment and Closure process, known as BRAC, is routinely stymied by political pressure — justified by bizarre arguments from politicians that they know more about what's needed for national security than the Joint Chiefs of Staffs. In 2005, for example, an aide to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger argued that the Pentagon failed to grasp "the unique strategic value of California's military bases."

Now we have a fresh example. The Army concluded last year that it made sense to shut a brigade with 2,600 soldiers at the Elmendorf-Richardson base in Anchorage. But last month, facing pressure from Alaska's congressional delegation, the Army changed its mind. Politico reports this is likely to energize opponents of plans to close Fort Campbell in Kentucky, Fort Benning in Georgia, and Fort Hood and Fort Bliss in Texas.

That's bad, but another congressional habit may be worse: foisting weapon systems on the Pentagon that it doesn't want. In 2012, Army Chief of Staff General Raymond Odierno told Congress that as the military sought to be more light and flexible, it didn't need any more tanks. Congress paid for \$183 million worth anyway. Lawmakers have also overruled the Pentagon in buying aircraft for the Air Force and ships for the Navy.

Enough is enough. We think the time has come for an idea floated by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., to give military leaders a much bigger say in procurement.

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## Redemption is possible for young offenders

**A**s we observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week, I am reminded of the 15-year-old boy who stabbed my younger brother to death over a pair of tennis shoes.

It was a senseless crime that took the life of someone I loved dearly. And it was committed by a boy who was impulsive, immature and unable to fully comprehend the long-term consequences of his act.

I forgave the teen, urged court officials to reduce his prison sentence and now work with him to urge other youth to avoid the path he took. This week, I raise my voice along with those of other family members of victims who oppose extreme sentences for youth and instead seek to hold them accountable in ways that consider their age, role in the crime and life experiences. Often, our voices are heard less than those who support harsher penalties.

The youth responsible for my brother's death was a child whose brain was still developing, as with all children; he also had a tremendous capacity for rehabilitation and change. As he grew up, he took responsibility for his action and matured into a responsible adult. After he had spent more than two decades in prison, I testified in favor of reducing his sentence.

Redemption is possible for everyone. Forgiveness, rehabilitation and restoration are at the core of most major religions. Everyone is worth more than the worst thing they have ever done.

Three weeks after I testified in favor of the release of my brother's killer, he was on the steps of an employment center that housed the employment academy where I was program director. He, his mother, his aunt and I cried and prayed together on those steps. From that time together emerged a relationship that has continued to today.

The experience of losing my brother ignited my interest in criminal justice and led to studying the discipline in college. It

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is also why I started my organization, Deep Forgiveness, to help other families heal from the traumas of violence. Many other family members are also working to bring about healing and to ensure that we hold children accountable without issuing a permanent judgment based on their worst act.

The young man who took my brother's life bears much in common with other youth convicted of serious crimes. Most are from poor communities and have experienced violence and other traumas themselves. They have been failed by many of the systems designed to protect them.

We cannot afford to give up on these children. We must hold them accountable. Then, after they have served some time in prison, we need judges to review their sentences to see if they should be changed. This is good for those individuals, and for our communities.



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## It will take a miracle for Bernie Sanders to beat Hillary Clinton, and that's OK

**B**ernie Sanders can still win the Democratic presidential nomination — but it's going to take a miracle. Actually, several miracles. He'll need to win the primary next week in New York, where polls show him running well behind Hillary Clinton. Then he'll need to win most of the mid-Atlantic states, including Pennsylvania. And he'll need to win big in California and New Jersey in June; small margins of victory won't give him the number of delegates he needs to overtake Clinton's substantial lead. That's not a conspiracy; it's just arithmetic.

And that's OK. This is a case where coming close will still count for something.

From the beginning of his improbable run, Sanders has had two goals in mind. One was to become the Democratic nominee; the other was to build a grass-roots movement that could bring about a "political revolution" from the left.

Sanders and his supporters haven't given up on the first goal. But they're also running his campaign with that second, longer-term goal firmly in mind.

Last week, a voter in New York asked the Vermont senator what he would do if he doesn't win. Most candidates would have batted the query away. Sanders said: "That is a wonderful question."

"Obviously, our hope and expectation is that we are going to win," he said on NBC's "Today" show. "But that's a fair question. We have brought out and seen so much excitement from young people ... who want to make our country a better place."

If the nomination is lost, he said, "we will continue that revolution."

The first step — in the event of a loss — is using the convention as an organizing event for progressives.

Some supporters have talked of an "inside-outside" strat-

egy at the Philadelphia convention, with Sanders delegates pressing their case inside the hall while pro-Sanders demonstrators march outside.

They hope to get some of Sanders' positions included in the Democratic Party platform, including planks on banning corporate donations to super PACs, renegotiating existing free trade agreements and breaking up the country's biggest banks.

Clinton has already responded to the energy on her party's left by tacking in Sanders' direction on several issues. She now opposes President Obama's proposed trade agreement with Asian countries, a pact she initially promoted. She also changed course to oppose the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada to Texas, although she was never firmly in favor. And she has proposed stricter regulations on big banks and other financial institutions, a plan she argues is tougher than Sanders' proposal to break up the nation's largest banks. (Sanders disagrees.)

If Clinton wins the nomination, Sanders has said he will endorse her and urge his supporters to vote for the Democratic ticket. But he will also try to turn his campaign into a more durable movement to move the Democratic Party to the left.

"This campaign is changing people's lives and changing everyone's idea of what's possible," Sanders's top technologist, Zack Exley, told *The Nation* magazine. "No matter what happens, people are going to keep fighting for the political revolution that Bernie helped all of us start. What's more, these organizing teams, structures, and processes won't have to be reinvented. They will live on. ... This revolution is only just getting started."

We've heard that song before. In 2004, insurgent candidate Howard Dean tried to turn his campaign into a progressive movement, Democracy for America, with negligible results. In 2008, President Obama's campaign staff tried to remake their grass-roots network into something called Organizing for Amer-

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ica, but that effort failed completely.

Could this time be different? Progressive organizers, an eternally optimistic cadre, say they think so.

"This movement is here to stay," argues Ben Wikler of MoveOn.org.

"Sanders could turn out to be, for progressives, what [Barry] Goldwater was for conservatives in 1964. Goldwater lost, but he paved the way for Ronald Reagan 16 years later. We don't want to wait that long."

Harold Meyerson, editor of the *American Prospect*, thinks they may be right, mainly because the economy's failure to increase middle-class incomes has pushed so many voters — especially young voters — to look for new answers.

He noted that a 2012 Gallup Poll found that 53 percent of Democrats said they had a positive view of socialism — and that was before Sanders ran for president.

"Bernie Sanders' campaign didn't create a new America left," Meyerson wrote recently. "It revealed it."

Even if their candidate falls short in the next few primaries, Sanders voters shouldn't give up in despair. Their votes will still count, because the final score will matter — not only for this presidential campaign, but the next one.

## Next president must avoid nation-building trap

**B**efore taking office, the next president — whoever that may be — would benefit from reading a new book titled "Mission Failure: America and the World in the Post-Cold War Era."

The book was written by Johns Hopkins professor Michael Mandelbaum, who coined the phrase "Foreign Policy as Social Work" in the mid-1990s. He now argues that the U.S. foreign policy focus "changed fundamentally" over the past 25 years, from making war to remaking the countries we became entangled with into capitalist democracies that look more like us.

"The main focus of American foreign policy shifted from war to governance, from what other governments did beyond their borders to ... how they were organized within them," he writes.

This shift was embraced by both political parties. "Nation-building" efforts, Mandelbaum says, began with George H.W. Bush's establishment of a no-fly zone over Iraqi Kurdistan in 1991 and continued with Bill Clinton's interventions in Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia. They expanded exponentially with George W. Bush's efforts to build democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan. Even President Obama, who clearly sought to avoid such entanglements, got sucked into promoting the (proclaimed) efforts of Arab rebels to build democracy by overthrowing autocrats during the Arab Spring.

What nearly all these nation-building attempts had in common, Mandelbaum argues, is that they failed. This issue is critically important both for the reasons he details and for some he leaves out.

Neither the Clinton nor the Bush administrations "deliberately set out on missions of transformation," he notes. The Clinton involvements could more rightly be labeled humanitarian interventions: Somalia was a U.N. operation that went awry; in Haiti, there was a need to stop massive refugee flows toward Florida; and in Bosnia, I believe, the West was belatedly shamed by the massive slaughter of civilians within Europe.

But it was in Afghanistan and Iraq that the notion of nation-building became the ultimate policy objective after the removal of the Taliban and Saddam Hussein led to chaos and civil war.

America's enormous power after the Gulf War, and its vast superiority in resources over other countries, lulled the Bush team into thinking such transformations were possible with minimal U.S. resources. The fundamental reason Washington attempted to transform other countries, Mandelbaum argues, "was that it could."

Of course, that hubris (and ignorance of local conditions) quickly crashed against on-the-ground realities. As Mandelbaum points out, "the societies involved were dominated by social and political loyalties too narrow to support the institutions ... that Americans sought to implant in them." In other words, cultures based on the norms of tribes, kinship and religion can't easily adapt to impersonal rule by constitutional law. That's all the more true when the countries are poor and made up largely of conservative Muslims.

I'd add something that Mandelbaum doesn't get into: U.S. efforts to build infrastructure such as roads, schools and hospitals in conflict zones also failed because the U.S. Agency for International Development has become mainly a subcontracting agency, hiring beltway consulting companies that threw away billions on crooked or incompetent local firms.

But simply dismissing foreign policy as social work doesn't solve a very perplexing problem: Resisting the temptation to try to rebuild failed states may still produce the very results one wants to avoid.

Take the case of President Obama and Libya. Obama was reluctant to get involved but was under pressure from European allies who feared waves of Libyan refugees flooding across the Mediterranean. So the president got sucked into that venture,

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which removed Moammar Gadhafi, but Obama (and the Europeans) rejected any major involvement in rebuilding shattered Libyan institutions.

The result: a failed state that has become a major terrorism center and a conduit for refugee flows into Europe. Yes, there is a clear warning here: Except in extreme cases when a regime has engaged in aggression against America, avoid regime change.

But what is to be done about Middle Eastern states that are already in chaos, partly due to Western interventions and later mistakes, and partly due to the failure of Arab Spring revolts or the ineptitude of Arab leaders? Left to fester, Libya, Syria and Iraq — even if their civil wars end — will provide fertile ground for the Islamic State 2.0 and new waves of refugees to further destabilize Europe.

Western leaders may now yearn for the return of deposed Arab dictators, but in the post-Arab Spring era, new dictators will be ruling fractured countries. They won't be able to restore the same repressive mechanisms that maintained stability in decades past.

None of this undercuts the importance of Mandelbaum's arguments. However, if nation-building in failed and flailing Arab states is a stretch, then U.S. officials must devise some other strategy to help stabilize them.

It's all well and good to argue that such states must help themselves, bolstered by Arab Gulf funds. But if this doesn't work, as is likely, Western governments will need a Plan B. Otherwise, the next occupant of the White House will be facing the same risky Mideast disarray that tempted previous presidents into the nation-building trap.

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"We force stuff on you all that we know you don't want," Manchin told military brass last year.


Maybe this is just pork politics as usual. But it's hard to defend that when the Pentagon is pleading for funding to help defend us.



# The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.

▲88° ▼74°


WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.

▲88° ▼75°


THURSDAY



Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers.

▲88° ▼75°


FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers.

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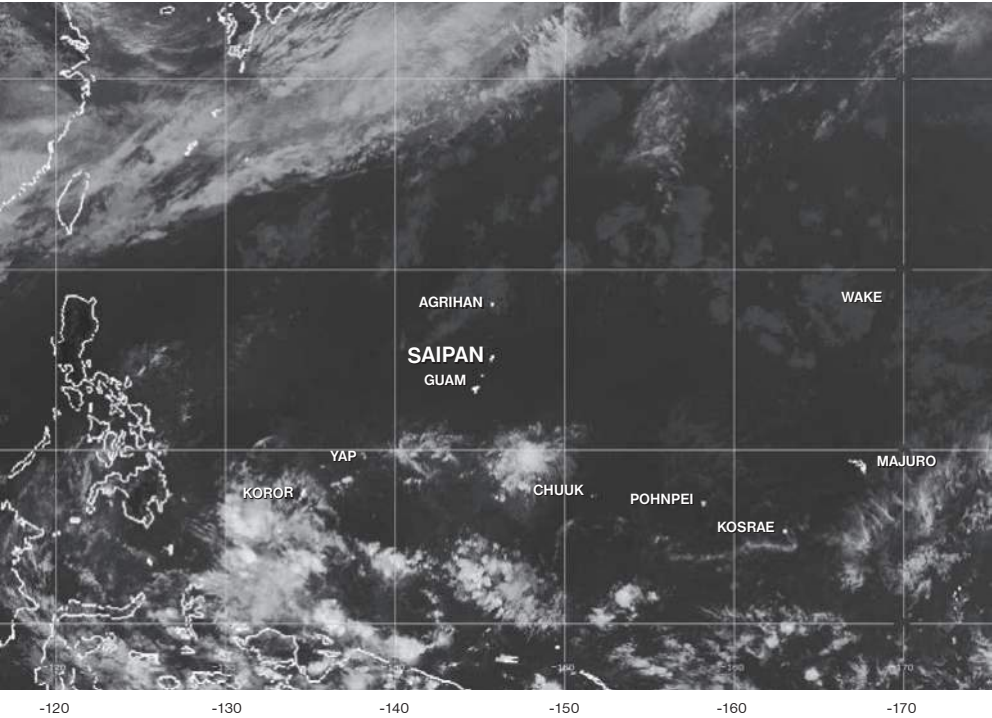
SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼75°

## Yesterday's Satellite Image



The satellite image shows a wide view of the Western North Pacific. A prominent cloud band is visible south of the equator, extending from the Philippines towards the east. Key locations labeled include AGRIHAN, WAKE, SAIPAN, GUAM, YAP, KOROR, CHUUK, POHNPEI, KOSRAE, and MAJURO. The image is overlaid with a grid showing longitude from -120 to -170.


PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough south of Koror extends through 5N130E to near EQ138E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found south of Koror south of a line from 8N130E to 5N138E. Trade-wind disturbances are generating scattered showers between Yap and Chuuk between 7N and 11N from 140E to 151E and southwest of Chuuk within 100 miles of a line from 4N144E to EQ150E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers south of Majuro within 175 miles of a line from 5N167E to 3N180. A frontal boundary near Okinawa is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms well northwest of the Marianas along and north of a line from 24N130E to 25N135E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86	▼ 78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 89	▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 91	▼ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 80
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88	▼ 80
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 81
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 75	▼ 61
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲ 71	▼ 46
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲ 76	▼ 74
Honolulu	Windy	▲ 81	▼ 71
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61	▼ 41
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 70	▼ 53
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲ 94	▼ 78
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 65	▼ 50
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 81	▼ 70
New York	Showers	▲ 60	▼ 53
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63	▼ 54
Paris	Thundershowers	▲ 60	▼ 45
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 62	▼ 53
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 73	▼ 61
Salem	Cloudy	▲ 66	▼ 46
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63	▼ 51
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72	▼ 53
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 59	▼ 47
Washington, DC	Showers	▲ 70	▼ 59



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Saipan Harbor			
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Thursday	6:03 AM	6:31 PM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:31 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:32 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	7:30 AM	8:25 PM
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Thursday	12:06 PM	12:19 AM
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## FOR 20TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

# Hyatt gets in-kind donation from Docomo

Docomo Pacific presented Hyatt Regency Saipan with a generous donation of four, brand-new cellular phones as prizes for the Garapan landmark's 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic tournament to be held on April 23 at Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

A platinum sponsor and long-time event partner, Docomo Pacific has continuously supported the Charity Golf Classic with in-kind donations in efforts to encourage golfers

to take part in the event. This year, the Samsung Galaxy J5 Black and the Samsung Galaxy J1 Ace Black will be up for grabs in the optional play activity, Longest Iron in hole No. 5 at Laolao Bay's west course. The Apple iPhone 6S 16GB Gray and the Samsung Galaxy S6 32GB Branco will be raffle prizes for the evening banquet dinner. Tickets will be available for purchase at the banquet dinner poolside at Hyatt Regency. Ticket prices

will be \$1, \$5, and \$10.

All proceeds will go to the event's primary beneficiary, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, aiding them in their mission to grant wishes to children with life-threatening diseases and the Northern Marianas Trades Institute as a secondary beneficiary as they continue in their mission to develop and train essential trade skills to enhance our community.

"Hyatt Regency Saipan encourages and thanks Do-

com's valued support in this joint effort towards our community. We are happy to continue this community partnership as we aim to make a difference and touch lives," said Hyatt Regency general manager Nick K. Nishikawa.

Early bird registration is open until Monday, April 18, at 4pm for a rate of \$100 per golfer. Registered golfers for the upcoming Hyatt Regency 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic tournament qualify for a special practice rate of

\$35 per golfer at Laolao Bay Golf and Resort commencing, Monday, April 11, up until the tournament day.

For more information about the 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic tournament, contact 234-1234 ext. 26. **(PR)**

## MBI donates cash to Hyatt golf classic

Hyatt Regency Saipan was presented with a generous cash donation for the 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic set for April 23 at Laolao Bay Golf and Resort west course. An annual event partner, Micronesians Brokers, Inc. seized the opportunity and doubled-up on their sponsorship package this year with a total cash donation of \$3,000.

Proceeds will go to the event's primary beneficiary, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, aiding them in their mission to grant wishes to children with life-threatening diseases and the Northern

Marianas Trades Institute, which will be the secondary beneficiary as they continue in their mission to develop and train essential trade skills to enhance our community.

MBI general manager Dennis Yoshimoto stated, "Micronesians Brokers Inc. is proud to be a partner with Hyatt Regency Saipan once again. The Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic golf tournament is always a fun event and I want to encourage all our local golfers to sign up and enjoy themselves knowing that they are supporting a great cause."

Hyatt Food and Beverage director Ty Pauling said, "Micronesians Brokers, Inc. has been a consistent supporter of this worthwhile tournament. Year after year they have maintained Platinum level sponsorship for our event. As we approach tee time on our 20th annual tournament, they have again exceeded our expectations in support of our beneficiaries."

Early bird registration is open until 4pm, Monday, April 18. For more information about the 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic, contact 234-1234 ext. 26. **(PR)**



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From left, Docomo Pacific's Kevin McCale, Hyatt Regency executive assistant Mariangela Mendoza, Hyatt Regency Food and Beverage director Ty Pauling, and Hyatt Regency Rooms director Rosalyn Quintanilla pose for a group photo.

## Asiana Airlines donates round-trip tickets to Hyatt golf classic

Asiana Airlines presented Hyatt Regency Saipan with a round-trip ticket to either Asia or Europe as a raffle prize for the 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic set for April 23 at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort west course.

It would be raffled off during the dinner banquet at the Hyatt poolside after the tournament. Golfers are encouraged to purchase raffle tickets in the amount of \$1, \$5, and \$10. With generous donations from event sponsors, Hyatt Regency has an array of prizes from designer handbags to the aforementioned round-trip tickets to Asia and Europe that are

paired with hotel nights at other Hyatt and Hyatt Regency hotels.

All proceeds will go to the event's primary beneficiary, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, aiding them in their mission to grant wishes to children with life-threatening diseases and the Northern Marianas Trades Institute as a secondary beneficiary as they continue in their mission to develop and train essential trade skills to enhance our community.

"Asiana Airlines is a great business partner to work with and we share common values. We are proud to work alongside them in supporting our island com-

munity, a value of social responsibility and educational advancement," said Danny Son, Hyatt Regency director of Sales and Marketing.

Early bird registration is open until Monday, April 18 at 4pm for a rate of \$100 per golfer. Registered golfers for the upcoming Hyatt Regency Saipan 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic tournament qualify for a special practice rate of \$35 per golfer at Laolao Bay Golf and Resort starting on Monday, April 11, up until tournament day.

For more information about the 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic tournament, contact 234-1234 ext. 26. **(PR)**



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From left, Mihir Rout, Hyatt Regency Saipan director of Engineering; Rosalyn Quintanilla, Hyatt Regency director of Rooms; Dennis Yoshimoto, Micronesians Brokers Inc. general manager; and Ty Pauling, Hyatt Regency director of Food and Beverage pose for a group photo.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Happy belated 3rd birthday to Vinny Lucas who celebrated his special last April 11, 2016. May God continue to give you all the blessings he has. We love you! From the family.



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Birthday shoutout to Peyton Lizama. God bless from the KHS NMI history's 2nd period.



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From left, Hyatt Regency Saipan Food and Beverage director Ty Pauling, Hyatt Regency Sales and Marketing director Danny Son, Asiana Airlines general manager Jong Hong Lee, Asiana Airlines Korean Reservation and Ticketing agent Han Sol Kim, and Hyatt Regency Rooms director Rosalyn Quintanilla pose for a group photo.



# Community gathers for KKMP's Fiji relief drive

KKMP's Fiji Typhoon Winston Relief Drive brought together many in the community in support of the island nation's recovery after taking heavy devastation from the category 5 weather system that made landfall in the South Pacific archipelago last February.

"The relief drive was brought on because of typhoon Winston which hit Fiji on Feb. 20," said KKMP's Gary Sword, the authorized organizational representative of the Fiji Typhoon Winston Relief Drive.

The relief drive was held last Saturday.

During the disaster, some 44 people died and 44 others missing, while leaving heavy trail of physical destruction estimated at \$250 million.

"We wanted to do something from Saipan for Fiji," Sword added.

Among the many who provided direct relief last Saturday was Best Sunshine International, Ltd. BSI donated money, supplies/clothing, and volunteer work during last Saturday's relief drive held at the Garapan Fishing Base.

"The devastation from Ty-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS  
Across Garapan Fishing Base, community volunteers and Best Sunshine International, Ltd. CSR team joined KKMP's Typhoon Winston Relief Drive.

We were able to donate hundreds of items of clothing and supplies. We really appreciate it and we are very grateful for the donations. We lived the situation, we know what it's like, and we should give our love."

All proceeds will be donated to the people of Fiji as they continue their road to recovery.

"The monetary donation made by BSI will go straight to Fiji. We certainly and deeply appreciate Best Sunshine's involvement," Sword said on Saturday. "They showed up this morning with breakfast, big smiles, and people ready to work. They really helped us a lot. By just having the people around means the world to us and the people in Fiji." (PR)

phoon Soudelor left the people of Saipan with an overwhelming challenge in coping with and recovering from the devastation. As we watched the people in Fiji deal with the aftermath of typhoon Winston, we sympathize and our Corporate Social Responsibility was immediately moved to assist with the relief effort or-

ganized by KKMP," BSI CSR director Rita Chong separately said in a statement.

She also added that the CSR personnel assisted with receiving donations and participated in the roadside relief drive, also held last Saturday.

The CSR team also held an in-house clothing and supply drive within the company.

"From Wednesday last week to Friday next week, we are hosting an in-house drive. Basically, there are boxes in every department and we are accepting any form of dona-

tion, be it clothing and or any supply," BSI CSR coordinator Anthony Yoshikawa separately said.

"The in-house drive has actually been very successful.

## 3 rescued island castaways spelled 'help' with palm fronds



This photo provided by U.S. Navy released April 7, 2016 shows two men waving life jackets and look on as a U.S. Navy P-8A maritime surveillance aircraft discovers them on the uninhabited island of Fanadik. The three men were back to safety on Thursday, April 7, 2016, three days after going missing.

**HONOLULU** (AP)—The men rescued in this tale of three castaways were not named Tom Hanks, or Gilligan, or Robinson Crusoe. Though they might as well have been.

In a scene straight from Hollywood, or a New Yorker cartoon, a U.S. Navy plane spotted the word "help" spelled out in palm fronds on a beach on a deserted island in the remote Pacific.

The three men, missing for three days after a wave overtook the skiff they were traveling in, were found waving their orange life jackets on the

tiny Micronesian island of Fanadik, several hundred miles north of Papua New Guinea, officials said Saturday.

The men's families reported them missing Tuesday after they failed to show up at the Micronesian island of Weno, where they were traveling from their home island, Pulap.

"Fortunately for them, they were all wearing life jackets and were able to swim to the deserted island," U.S. Coast Guard spokeswoman Melissa McKenzie said.

A local boat picked the men up and took them to a hospital. McKenzie said she didn't

have information on the men's condition Saturday, but officials told the Washington Post they were not injured.

Two bulk carriers searched a combined 17 hours for the men as part of AMVER, a U.S. Coast Guard voluntary search and rescue program. With AMVER, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and ask them to help.

In the last two weeks, 15 people have been rescued in the Pacific with the help of 10 AMVER vessels and six aircrews, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

## MCS stages Star Wars mock trial

This past Wednesday, Luke Skywalker was on trial as part of Mount Carmel School's first ever fantasy mock trial series, this one focusing on Star Wars. The school's Mock Trial Knights, who won the 2016 CNMI Mock Trial Competition, hosted the mock trial to raise funds to help defray the costs of their participation in the upcoming National High School Mock Trial Competition in Boise, Idaho.

Held in the High Court of the Galactic Empire, the Empire charged Luke Skywalker for wrongfully and willfully destroying the Death Star, which is the rightful property of the Emperor, and for murdering 5,999 Storm Troopers in the process. The trial was based on material prepared by the Justice Education Society, which has developed similar

material to help promote a better understanding of the legal system among elementary school students.

In Mount Carmel School's trial, all attorney and witness roles were played by middle school students. For the prosecution, Emperor Palpatine was played by Brandee Hunter, Darth Vader was played by Kiana Propst, and Storm Trooper #12 was played by Sidney Richter. Prosecuting for the Empire were student attorneys Tivana Torres, Allyson Camacho, and Penelope Sablan. On the defense, Luke Skywalker was played by Richard Steele, Han Solo was played by Christopher Guerrero, and Princess Leia was played by Kaia Travilla. Defending Skywalker were student attorneys Vincent Torres III, Mariana Tenorio, and

Theresa Schweiger. Keeping order throughout the trial were Clerk Bernard Marcelo and judge Katherine Avendano-Woodruff.

While this was his first time doing anything related to mock trial, Steele appreciated the whole process. "I liked the Star Wars theme, and it was fun playing Luke Skywalker." Looking to the future, he said he is interested in doing mock trial. He said, "I liked the part where you help the defendant get his day in court."

Fifth grade student and Star Wars aficionado, Brissa Hunter, thoroughly enjoyed the trial. "It's your basic mock trial, but turned into a Star Wars story." She added, "It was cool because you could see how the Rebel Alliance and the Empire go against each other, but in court." (PR)



The full cast of Mount Carmel School's Star Wars Mock Trial gather for a group photo after the trial.



# Business

## Reports: Panama firm usurped name of Red Cross to hide money

PARIS (AP)—The law firm offshore accounts scandal routinely usurped the name of the

### Before becoming manager, become a better colleague

#### YOUR OFFICE COACH

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**Q**: When I joined the small business where I currently work as a salesperson, I expected to eventually become department manager. With that in mind, I proposed some changes that would expand our market and increase sales. Although the owner seemed to like my suggestions, she never followed through.

A few months ago, I was shocked to learn that a sales manager had been hired from outside the company. The new hire immediately began implementing the very changes I had previously suggested. The owner acknowledged that these were my ideas, so I asked why I had been passed over for the management job.

Her initial response was that she needed my talents in the sales position. Then she told me that I expect everyone to do things my way, which she said is not a good quality for a manager to have. She said I should treat my colleagues as I do my customers. How should I interpret this feedback?

**A**: Let me attempt to translate. Your manager appreciates both your sales ability and your helpful ideas. However, based on your co-worker relationships, she feels you are not yet ready to manage people. Her primary concern is that you seem locked into your own way of thinking and resistant to other views.

If management is your goal, then you should take this feedback seriously. Great bosses can effectively supervise a wide variety of personalities, including people whose opinions and approaches differ from their own. The good news, however, is that you may already possess this ability.

As a successful salesperson, you can undoubtedly relate well to many different types of customers. If you begin putting equal effort into colleague relationships, your manager may eventually change her mind.

**Q**: My boss does a great job of running the office, but seems to have trouble regulating her emotions. "Diane" frequently rolls her eyes and sighs condescendingly when people are talking to her. She also responds irritably to relatively minor issues.

Although Diane does this with everybody, I'm the only one who has objected. I recently informed her that these immature behaviors were interfering with her stated goal of improving our communication. She replied that we needed to find a mediator.

I think Diane is missing the point, because there is no conflict to be mediated. I'm just tired of her negative emotional reactions. How should I handle this?

**A**: Diane is not the only one missing the point. Based on your own description, she is not a horrid manager, just an annoying one. So the real issue is your inability to accept her imperfections.

If I were talking to Diane, I would strongly suggest making her feelings less obvious. But since I can't change her behavior, I hope that I can alter yours. Giving orders to the boss seldom works out well, so continuing this confrontational criticism would be a major career blunder.

Diane's expressive reactions obviously push your hot buttons, so instead of focusing on her emotions, you should try to control your own. If you practice what you preach and stop "responding irritably" to this "relatively minor issue," the relationship with your boss might greatly improve.



In this April 4, 2016 file photo, a marquee on a building in Panama City, Panama, lists the Mossack Fonseca law firm, one of the leaders in setting up offshore bank accounts for the rich and powerful.

Red Cross and other charities to help obscure the origin of millions of dollars in questionable funds, two newspapers involved in the investigation reported Sunday.

There's no suggestion that the charitable groups had any idea their name was being used in this way. International Committee of the Red Cross spokeswoman Claire Kaplun told The Associated Press on Sunday that the revelation was "a total surprise and something we find ex-

tremely shocking."

France's Le Monde and Switzerland's Le Matin Dimanche said Mossack Fonseca created dummy foundations with high-minded names such as the "Faith Foundation" to hold shares in around 500 offshore companies. The foundation's beneficiary was routinely listed as "the Red Cross," a designation which served the dual purposes of hiding the firms' real beneficiaries and of draping them in an "NGO

aura," the papers wrote.

Mossack Fonseca didn't immediately return an email seeking comment, but a leaked email cited by the publications appeared to lay out the firm's reasoning.

"Given that banks and financial institutions are today asked to obtain information about economic beneficiaries, it has become difficult for us not to divulge the identity of those of the Faith Foundation's," the email said, according to the papers. "That's why

we've implemented this structure designating the 'International Red Cross.' It's easier that way."

Another email cited by the papers suggests Mossack Fonseca deliberately kept the Red Cross in the dark about the maneuver.

"According to Panama law, the beneficiaries of a foundation can be used without knowing it," the email said, according to the papers. "That means the International Red Cross doesn't know about this arrangement."

Kaplun, the Red Cross spokeswoman, said that using the group's name or logo without its permission is barred by international law—and could put the group's staff in jeopardy.

"We work in conflict zones. We work without weapons. Our protection is our name, our emblem, the faith that people have in our reputation," she said in a telephone interview.

"Let's say this money was linked to a warring party in a conflict. Imagine what consequences that could have."

The newspapers' examination of the Faith Foundation turned up a host of questionable connections.

## Medicare payment plan on cancer drugs sparks furious battle

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Medicare proposal to test new ways of paying for chemotherapy and other drugs given in a doctor's office has sparked a furious battle, and cancer doctors are demanding that the Obama administration scrap the experiment.

The vehement reaction is raising questions about the government's ability to tackle high drug costs, the top health care concern for the public.

At issue are some of the most expensive drugs for treating life-changing diseases. The question isn't whether those drugs are fairly priced, but whether Medicare's current payment policy encourages doctors to prescribe the

costliest medications so they can make more money.

Injected and infused drugs for such conditions as macular degeneration, rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease are also affected.

Medicare now pays doctors and hospital outpatient clinics the average sales price of a drug, plus a 6 percent add-on, somewhat reduced by federal budget cuts. Naturally, 6 percent of a \$15,000 drug is more than 6 percent of a \$3,000 drug. But does that influence doctors' decisions, raising costs for the government as well as those on Medicare?

Medicare officials seem to think so.

The new formula an-

nounced last month combines a 2.5 percent add-on with a flat fee for each day the drug is administered. A control group of doctors and hospitals would continue to be paid under the current system.

The experiment could become permanent policy if it lowers costs while maintaining quality. A second wave of experimentation would try to link what Medicare pays for a given drug to how well it works.

Specialist doctors, drug-makers and some patient advocacy groups are trying to compel Medicare to drop the plan. Primary care doctors, consumer groups representing older people, and some

economic experts want the experiment to move ahead.

Opponents say if that happens, cancer patients will be forced to go to outpatient hospital clinics instead of their local cancer doctor for the latest and most effective drugs. That's because smaller, doctor-owned clinics may no longer be able to afford the upfront costs of cutting-edge medications. In rural areas, patients may have to travel long distances to get to a hospital clinic, they say.

Supporters call that "Medi-scare," a reference to the timeworn political strategy of exaggerating the impact of proposed Medicare changes to frighten beneficiaries.

#### BUSINESS BRIEFS

##### Gas prices jump by 8 cents over past 3 weeks, to \$2.10

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP)—The average price of gasoline has jumped by 8 cents over the past three weeks, to \$2.10 a gallon for regular grade. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday that the hike is due to gas stations raising prices nearly twice as much as refiners are raising wholesale gasoline prices. She says

prices will likely rise at a moderate pace as refiners continue to make higher-cost summer blend gasoline in compliance with federal regulations and as demand continues to rise. In the Lower 48 states, the highest average price of regular gasoline was \$2.80 per gallon in Los Angeles. The lowest was \$1.67 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The U.S. average diesel price is \$2.17 per gallon, up nearly 2 cents from three weeks ago.

##### Cameron in Parliament for 1st time since offshore funds row

LONDON (AP)—British Prime Minister David Cameron, under pressure over his admission of a past investment in an offshore fund, is about to face lawmakers for the first time since the Panama Papers scandal shed light on the tax-haven tactics of the rich and famous. Opposition leaders say they will grill Cameron over his tax affairs when he de-

livers a parliamentary speech Monday on cracking down on tax evasion. In advance of his remarks, Cameron says his government plans to introduce a bill that would hold employers criminally liable if they permit employees to promote tax-dodging schemes. Cameron says in a statement Monday that his 6-year-old administration "has done more than any other to take action against corruption in all its forms, but we will go further."



# Nation

## Candidates—even Trump—shift to delegate hunt

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Democratic and Republican presidential candidates are coming to terms with the cold mathematical reality of chasing delegates ahead of their nominating conventions, with front-runners Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump driving for challenge-proof majorities against rivals who won't go away.

For Trump, who remains well short of the 1,237 delegates he needs to clinch the GOP nod, that means his campaign focuses on developing a delegate-centered strategy akin to the one that rival Ted Cruz has pursued for months.

"A more traditional approach is needed and Donald Trump recognizes that," Paul Manafort, Trump's new delegate chief, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Even so, the billionaire developer later in the day complained that the system is "corrupt" and "crooked" and said it's unfair that the person who wins the most votes may not be the nominee.

"What they're trying to do is subvert the movement with crooked shenanigans," Trump told a crowd of thousands gathered in a packed airport hangar in Rochester, New York. "We're supposed to be a democracy," he added, drawing parallels with Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders.

If denied the GOP nomination, he went on to warn, "you're going to have a big problem, folks, because there are people who don't like what's going on."

For Clinton, who lost Wyoming Saturday night to Sanders, it means maintaining her commanding leads among

delegates and popular votes no matter how many states Sanders wins - or how much "momentum" he claims. Key to her drive is a win April 19 in New York, which she represented in the U.S. Senate.

Asked in a CNN interview that aired Sunday whether she's quietly preparing a strategy in the unlikely event of a contested Democratic convention, she replied, "No, I intend to have the number of delegates that are required to be nominated."

After stops in New York City churches, Clinton headed to Baltimore for her first campaign rally in Maryland, where she picked up the endorsement of popular local congressman Elijah Cummings.

Maryland, where Clinton is favored, holds its primary on April 26 along with Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Delaware and Connecticut.

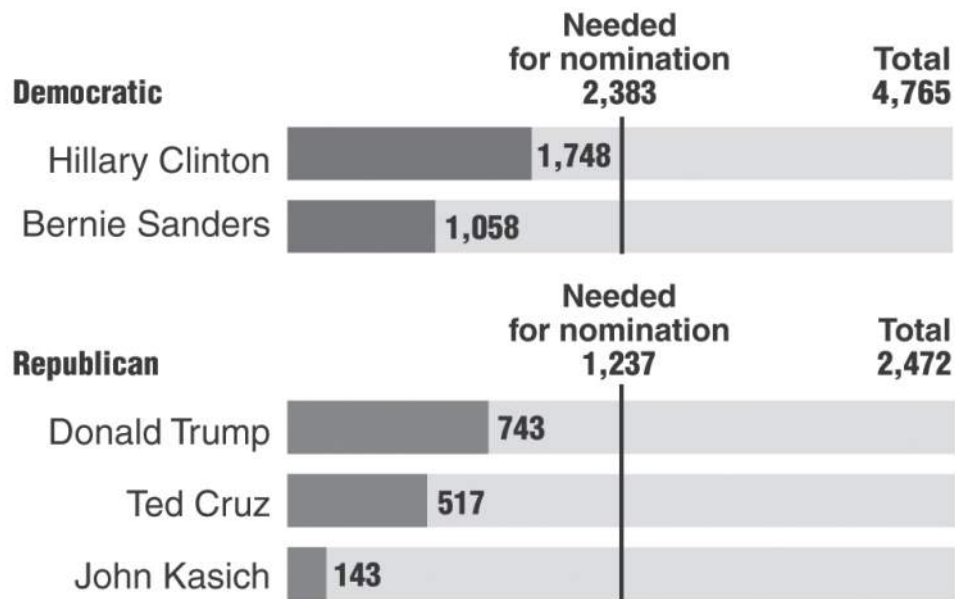
Clinton's campaign is pushing for big wins across the northeast, in an effort to gain what they've termed an "all but insurmountable" lead in the delegate race. It's a strategy shared by Trump, who is also looking to win all the delegates he can in New York.

With neither front-runner strong enough to claim inevitability, their challengers stuck to the hope that by winning more races and cozying up to delegates, they stand a chance of eventually grabbing their respective party nominations.

For Ohio Gov. John Kasich, it's about winning enough delegates to keep all candidates from locking up the majority. And that means sowing doubts about the effect that a Trump or Cruz nomination would have on the party. He said there's

### Delegate counts

Pledged and unpledged delegates after the April 5 primary



Source: AP

Graphic: Tribune News Service

"great concern" not just about how each would represent the GOP, but about the prospect of a blowout loss up and down the ticket in November.

"We would lose seats all the way from the statehouse to the

courthouse" - meaning races all down the ballot, Kasich told CBS's "Face the Nation."

Sanders, behind Clinton by hundreds of delegates and more than 2.4 million votes, is pointing to statewide wins in seven

of the last eight contests. But his latest victory in Wyoming did nothing to help him in the delegate chase: Both Sanders and Clinton got seven delegates.

On CBS, Sanders noted that the contest has moved from

the conservative South—"Not a stronghold for me"—into states like New York, Pennsylvania and California where he expects to do well.

"Our plan right now is to win this thing," Sanders said on "Face the Nation." "I think we have a real shot to end up with more delegates."

On the Republican side, Trump continued to try to catch up to Cruz's ground operation, which is months ahead and trying to eat into Trump's home state support in conservative pockets of New York. Manafort said the Cruz campaign was using a "scorched earth" approach in which "they don't care about the party. If they don't get what they want, they blow it up."

"The key, especially for uncommitted delegates, is the electability question," Manafort said on NBC.

They spoke after Cruz completed his sweep of Colorado's 34 delegates by locking up the remaining 13 at the party's state convention in Colorado Springs. He already had collected 21 delegates and visited the state to try to pad his numbers there.

## US cemetery cases: Unmarked graves, empty urns, resold plots

Caskets crushed into the same grave, others buried outside cemetery grounds, hundreds of families unable to find loved ones—what happened at Galilee Memorial Gardens in suburban Memphis, Tennessee, is horrifying but not all that rare. Nationwide, lawsuits have been filed and charges pursued over mismanaged cemeteries, and critics are calling for more rigorous oversight.

A brief look at civil and criminal cases and investigations involving issues at other cemeteries.

### ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Army investigators said in 2010 that they found more than 100 unmarked graves, many sites with headstones that are not recorded on cemetery maps, and several burial urns that had been

unearthed and dumped. Two officials were disciplined. The Army also found eight sets of cremated human remains that had been buried in a single location at Arlington in another investigation, Army spokesman Christopher Grey said.

"Although the discovery of multiple urns in one grave was very concerning, our discussions with an assistant U.S. attorney determined that the burial of multiple cremated remains in one grave site does not constitute a criminal violation," Grey wrote in an email to the AP.

### SUBURBAN CHICAGO

Two brothers were convicted of digging up graves, dumping human remains and reselling plots at an Alsip, Illinois, cemetery between 2003 and 2009. The graveyard contains the burial site of lynching victim Emmett Till and blues singers Willie Dixon and Dinah Washington, and former heavyweight boxing champion Ezzard Charles.

### CALIFORNIA

A lawsuit filed last year accuses Eden Memorial Park outside Los Angeles—one of the nation's largest Jewish cemeteries—of breaking vaults to make room for more graves and throwing out hu-

man bones in a pile. The lawsuit seeks millions of dollars in damages and comes about a year after Service Corporation International settled a lawsuit for \$80.5 million over similar complaints at the same cemetery. SCI owns 2,000 funeral homes and cemeteries in 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Canada, according to its website.

### WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

SCI paid \$100 million in a 2003 settlement of a lawsuit brought by relatives of people buried at Menorah Gardens. The lawsuit alleged that cemetery employees disinterred bodies, tossed bones into the woods, oversold plots and misplaced the dead.

### ST. LOUIS

A federal jury in March 2015 awarded \$491 million in damages in a lawsuit brought against a bank and a company whose officials were accused of taking money from pre-arranged funeral contracts for their own personal enrichment. At least six officials of National Pre-arranged Services Inc. have been sentenced to federal prison terms ranging from 18 months to 10 years. (AP)

## SpaceX delivers world's 1st inflatable room for astronauts

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—SpaceX has made good on a high-priority delivery: the world's first inflatable room for astronauts.

A SpaceX Dragon cargo ship arrived at the International Space Station on Sunday, two days after launching from Cape Canaveral. Station astronauts used a robot arm to capture the Dragon, orbiting 250 miles above Earth.

The Dragon holds 7,000 pounds of freight, including the soft-sided compartment built by Bigelow Aerospace. The pioneering pod—packed tightly for launch—should swell to the size of a small bedroom once filled with air next month.

It will be attached to the

space station this Saturday, but won't be inflated until the end of May. The technology could change the way astronauts live in space: NASA envisions inflatable habitats in a couple decades at Mars, while Bigelow Aerospace aims to launch a pair of inflatable space stations in just four years for commercial lease.

For now, the Bigelow Expandable Activity Module—BEAM for short—will remain mostly off-limits to the six-man station crew. NASA wants to see how the experimental chamber functions, so the hatch will stay sealed except when astronauts enter a few times a year to collect measurements and swap out sensors.

This is SpaceX's first delivery for NASA in a year. A launch accident last June put shipments on hold.

SpaceX flight controllers at company headquarters in Hawthorne, California, applauded when the hefty station arm plucked Dragon from orbit. A few hours later, the capsule was bolted securely into place.

"It looks like we caught a Dragon," announced British astronaut Timothy Peake, who made the grab. "There are smiles all around here," NASA's Mission Control replied. "Nice job capturing that Dragon."

SpaceX is still reveling in the success of Friday's booster landing at sea.

For the first time, a leftover booster came to a solid vertical touchdown on a floating platform. SpaceX chief executive Elon Musk wants to reuse boosters to save money, a process that he says will open access to space for more people in more places, like Mars. His ambition is to establish a city on Mars.

NASA also has Mars in its sights and looks to send astronauts there in the 2030s. In order to focus on that objective, the space agency has hired U.S. companies like SpaceX to deliver cargo and, as early as next year, astronauts to the space station. U.S. astronauts currently have to hitch rides on Russian rockets.



# Asia

## Kerry visits Hiroshima memorial

**HIROSHIMA, Japan** (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry visited the revered memorial to Hiroshima's atomic bombing on Monday, delivering a message of peace and hope for a nuclear-free world seven decades after United States used the weapon for the first time in history and killed 140,000 Japanese.

Kerry became the most senior American official to travel to city, touring its peace museum with other foreign ministers of the Group of Seven industrialized nations and laying a wreath at the adjoining park's stone-arched monument, the exposed steel beams of Hiroshima's iconic A-Bomb Dome in the distance.

The otherwise somber occasion was lifted by the presence of about 800 Japanese waving flags of the G7 nations, including that of the United States.

Kerry didn't speak publicly at the ceremony, though could be seen with his arm around Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio

### Kerry to visit Hiroshima

*On Monday, Secretary of State John Kerry will become the highest-ranking American government official to visit Hiroshima.*



Source: AP  
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

Kishida, a Hiroshima native, and whispering in his ear. The ministers departed with origami cranes in their respective national colors around their neck, Kerry draped in red, white and blue.

"Everyone in the world should see and feel the power of this memorial," Kerry wrote

in the museum's guest book. "It is a stark, harsh, compelling reminder not only of our obligation to end the threat of nuclear weapons, but to rededicate all our effort to avoid war itself."

"War must be the last resort—never the first choice," he added. "This memorial compels us all to redouble our efforts to change the world, to find peace and build the future so yearned for by citizens everywhere."

Kerry's appearance, just footsteps away from Ground Zero, completed an evolution for the United States, whose leaders avoided the city for many years because of political sensitivities.

No serving U.S. president has visited the site, and it took 65 years for a U.S. ambassador to attend

Hiroshima's annual memorial service. Many Americans believe the dropping of atomic bombs here on Aug. 6, 1945, and on the Japanese city of Nagasaki three days later were justified and hastened the end of the war.

lon's capture and prosecution.

The Abu Sayyaf militants, however, managed to reinforce their ranks as the fighting dragged. While scouring a rebel area, the troops were met by heavy weapons fire and hit by explosions that may have been caused by bombs, Ano told reporters.

Among the slain militants was a Moroccan identified as Mohammad Khattab and a son of Hapilon, Tan said, adding that about 20 other gunmen were wounded.

Khattab, a bomb-making expert, had been in the Philippines for about three years and was trying to link up the Abu Sayyaf with Middle Eastern terrorist organizations possibly including the Islamic State group, Ano said.

day to remember Filipino veterans who died in World War II.

"After we grieve for our soldiers, we shall continue the fight," Gazmin and the military said in a joint statement.

Army chief Lt. Gen. Eduardo Ano said the military aims to "finally destroy the Abu Sayyaf, especially now that we have found the exact location of the group."

A major offensive on Saturday targeted Abu Sayyaf commander Isnilon Hapilon, who has publicly pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group and has been hunted for years for his alleged role in several terrorist attacks, military officials said.

Washington has offered a reward of up to \$5 million for information leading to Hapi-

## PH vows to 'destroy' militants who killed 18 troops

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Philippine military officials vowed Sunday to "destroy" the Abu Sayyaf extremist group with more offensives after fierce fighting over the weekend left 18 soldiers dead in the government's largest single-day combat loss so far this year.

Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin and top military officials flew to the south to meet most of the 53 soldiers who were wounded in fighting with Abu Sayyaf militants that raged for nearly 10 hours Saturday in the hinterlands on Basilan island. At least five militants, including a Moroccan fighter, were killed, the military said.

The large number of casualties were reported as the Philippines marked the Day of Valor Satur-

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Death toll rises to 110 from fireworks blast at India temple

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, India** (AP)—Rescue officials on Monday sifted through a Hindu temple in southern India where at least 110 people died when a fireworks display—an unauthorized pyrotechnic display that went horribly wrong—swept through a temple packed with thousands for a religious festival. The death toll so far from the pre-dawn fire on Sunday at the Puttingal Devi temple complex in the village of Paravoor, stood at 110 people with more than 380 others hurt, said police officer, Unnikrishnan. Scores of devotees ran in panic as the massive initial blast cut off power in the complex, while other explosions sent flames and debris raining down, a witness said. Many people were trapped.

#### Seoul: Senior North Korea military officer defects to South

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—A colonel from North Korea's military spy agency fled to South Korea last year in a rare senior-level defection, Seoul officials said Monday. The announcement came three days after Seoul revealed 13 North Koreans working at the same restaurant in a foreign country had defected to the South. It was the largest group defection since North Korea's young leader Kim Jong Un took power in late 2011. South Korean media reported the restaurant is located in the eastern Chinese city of Ningbo. The colonel worked for the North Korean military's General Reconnaissance Bureau before defecting to South Korea, according to Seoul's Defense Ministry and Unification Ministry. Both ministries refused to provide further details including a motive for the defection.

# World

## Syrian cease-fire strained by new clashes ahead of talks

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Government forces and rebels clashed Sunday across northern and western Syria, imperiling a monthlong cease-fire ahead of peace talks in Geneva, while airstrikes pounded the Islamic State group's de facto capital of Raqqa, killing dozens.

Al-Qaida's Syrian affiliate, the Nusra Front, is playing a leading role on the side of the insurgents, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a monitoring group with a network of informers inside Syria.

The fighting follows weeks of sporadic government airstrikes, culminating with a raid that killed 33 civilians outside the capital of Damascus on March 31 that tested the durability of a U.S.- and Russia-brokered "cessation of hostilities" that took effect in late February.

The Nusra Front and the Is-

lamic State group are excluded from the cease-fire, which had brought relative calm to much of Syria for the first time in the 5-year-old civil war between forces loyal to President Bashar Assad and those trying to topple him.

Observatory head Rami Abdulrahman said fighting was intensifying around the northern city of Aleppo and "definitely" threatens the cease-fire.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov spoke by phone on the need for greater cooperation to strengthen the truce, Russia's Foreign Ministry said.

They also discussed efforts to fight the Islamic State group, the Nusra Front and other terrorist organizations, agreeing to take additional measures to halt the flow of militants and weapons from abroad, the ministry said.

The diplomats also expressed support for the efforts of the U.N. envoy to Syria, Staffan de Mistura, to convene the next round of talks in Geneva this week between the Syrian government and the opposition, Lavrov's office said. De Mistura is in Damascus to prepare for the talks and was expected to meet Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem.

But expectations of progress have been dampened by the surge in fighting, the continued obstruction to humanitarian access and the staunch positions by the government, the opposition and their international backers.

A leading member of the opposition High Negotiations Committee, which is scheduled to participate in the indirect talks, warned that the cease-fire is on "the brink of collapse."

## Officials: Group that hit Brussels planned 2nd France attack

**BRUSSELS** (AP)—The extremists who struck Brussels last month and killed 32 people initially planned to launch a second assault on France in the wake of the November attacks in Paris, authorities said Sunday.

But the perpetrators were "surprised by the speed of the progress in the ongoing investigation" and decided to rush an attack on Brussels instead of going back to France, the Belgian federal prosecutor's office said in a statement. It didn't provide any details on the initial French plot or its targets.

Both France and Belgium warned it was no time to relax despite the recent spate of arrests.

"It's fresh proof of the very

real threat that weighs on all of Europe, and on France in particular," French Prime Minister Manuel Valls said.

Belgian Justice Minister Koen Geens said it amounted to "a dirty war" when more attacks could be expected in Belgium, France or beyond.

"Once the intention is there, the place of execution is rather secondary," Geens told VRT network. "If we secure one place, another target opens up."

Two suicide bombers killed 16 people at Brussels Airport on March 22. A subsequent explosion at Brussels' Maelbeek subway station killed another 16 people the same morning. Investigators have found links between the cell

behind those attacks and the group that killed 130 people in Paris on Nov. 13.

Sunday's statement provides confirmation of what many had suspected: the series of raids and arrests in the week leading up to the Brussels attacks—including the capture of key Paris attacks fugitive Salah Abdeslam—pushed the killers to action.

A laptop seized from a garbage can on a street outside the suicide bombers last known address contained a message purportedly from Ibrahim El Bakraoui, who blew himself up in the airport attack, that indicated he was expecting to be arrested imminently following the arrest of Abdeslam.

## Hundreds hurt as migrants confront Macedonian border police

**IDOMENI, Greece** (AP)—Migrants waged running battles with Macedonian police Sunday after they were stopped from scaling the border fence with Greece near the border town of Idomeni, and aid agencies reported that hundreds of stranded travelers were injured.

Macedonian police used tear gas, stun grenades, plastic bullets and a water cannon to repel the migrants, many of whom responded by throwing rocks over the fence at police. Greek police observed from their side of the frontier but did not intervene.

More than 50,000 refugees and migrants have been stranded in Greece after Bal-

kan countries closed their borders to the massive flow of refugees pouring into Europe. Around 11,000 remain camped out at the border with Macedonia, ignoring instructions from the government to move to organized shelters as they hold out hope to reach Western Europe.

Clashes continued in the afternoon as migrant groups twice tried to overwhelm Macedonian border security. The increasing use of tear gas reached families in their nearby tents in Idomeni's makeshift camp. Many camp dwellers, chiefly women and children, fled into farm fields to escape the painful gas.

Observers held out hope that evening rainfall, which began about seven hours into the clashes, would dampen hostilities.

The aid agency Doctors Without Borders estimated that their medical volunteers on site treated about 300 people for various injuries.

Achilleas Tzemos, deputy field coordinator of Doctors Without Borders, told the AP that the injured included about 200 experiencing breathing problems from the gas, 100 others with cuts, bruises and impact injuries from nonlethal plastic bullets. He said six of the most seriously injured were hospitalized.



# Focus

**HONG KONG** (AP)—The same year Jasmine Li, whose grandfather was the fourth-ranked politician in China at the time, donned a floral Carolina Herrera gown and debuted at a ball in Paris, a company called Harvest Sun Trading Ltd. was born in an aging building at the edge of Hong Kong's red light district. The next year Li bought the company for \$1.

The revelations come from a tremendous cache of documents leaked from the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca and published by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists.

Hong Kong was Mossack Fonseca's go-to spot for financial intermediaries like P&P Secretarial Management, home to 2,212 accountants, banks and other middlemen Mossack Fonseca used to set up 37,675 offshore companies for its global clients between 1977 and 2015—more than any other place in the world, according to ICIJ's analysis.

Hong Kong has emerged as a major design center for offshore vehicles, a place brimming with people expert at packaging and protecting wealth. The back pages of newspapers here teem with advertisements for corporate formation companies, one-stop shops promising fast bank account opening, corporate compliance, tax and accountancy services. Offshore vehicles are used to minimize tax, mitigate political risk, and circumvent onerous regulations in China. And they are completely legal.

But Hong Kong's offshore financial machinery works so well, and so discreetly, that it can be abused by those seeking to hide illicit assets or evade taxes. As traditional havens, like Switzerland, cave to years of grinding pressure from European and American tax authorities, unsavory money is drawn to Hong Kong, which despite reforms, retains its reputation for secrecy, non-cooperation, and a light regulatory touch, watchdog groups and lawyers say.

"Hong Kong attracts this type of hot money from across the region and globally, partly because of its perceived stability," said Iain Willis, a partner at Latymer Partners, a corporate intelligence advisory firm in London. "'Light-touch' financial regulation, easy rules on company incorporation and limited transparency" add to its appeal, he said.

China's Foreign Ministry dismissed ICIJ's reports as "groundless," and the government has aggressively censored discussion of them.



In this March 2, 2016 photo, people are reflected in a glass displaying a poster featuring a 100 dollars Hong Kong colonial bank note in Hong Kong.

## Hong Kong emerges as hub for creating OFFSHORE COMPANIES

Hong Kong tax authorities said in an email Friday that they would "take necessary actions" based on the offshore leaks, and work to "enhance the efficiency and effectiveness" of enforcement as required.

Mossack Fonseca tapped P&P Secretarial Management—which is run by an accountant named Wai-hon Chiu, according to corporate filings—to register Harvest Sun Trading in the British Virgin Islands. P&P Secretarial is not listed in the telephone directory, and its contact details are not easy to find on the Internet. Its name is not among the three businesses listed at the entrance to the second-floor office it now occupies in Hong Kong's Wan Chai district. The front door opens onto a lone ivy plant stuck in a corner of two blank white walls. There is no receptionist, and unannounced visitors are not welcome.

"The boss is away. He will be back next week," said a woman in a dark dress, who confirmed that P&P Secretarial did indeed have a presence in the office which did not bear its name. She refused to give her name.

Great fortunes run through small offices like this, and not just from clients of Mossack Fonseca, which derived nearly a third of its business from Hong Kong and China,

according to ICIJ.

"It's quite natural that Hong Kong would grow to play a significant role in the plumbing infrastructure of globalization," said Martin Kenney, an asset recovery lawyer in the British Virgin Islands. "They are the architects, designers and engineers of the structures."

In part, the prominence of offshore vehicles in Hong Kong has to do with its special relationship with mainland China. Many investors set up offshore vehicles so they can sell mainland assets without being subjected to layers of government approval. Others have used, and sometimes abused, offshore structures to take advantage of China's tax breaks for foreign companies. More foreign direct investment to China between 1979 and 2014 ostensibly came from the British Virgin Islands than from anywhere else, aside from Hong Kong, according to the U.S. Congressional Research Service.

Hong Kong does not tax income that originates abroad, a policy that supports the proliferation of foreign-registered companies. Hong Kong's independent legal system and effective escape route from mainland China's currency controls—it's easier to move money between mainland China and Hong Kong than elsewhere—also add to its ap-

peal, lawyers say.

The kind of political uncertainty that drove investors offshore before Hong Kong's 1997 handover persists today. The Basic Law, a mini-constitution that enshrines China's "one country, two systems" policy toward Hong Kong, expires in 2047.

"We are on borrowed time," said David Webb, a former investment banker and Hong Kong shareholder activist.

Offshore vehicles have become so commonplace that 75 percent of Hong Kong-listed companies are actually domiciled in Bermuda or the Cayman Islands, according to an analysis by Webb.

But there are other, more controversial uses of Hong Kong's offshore machinery.

The Panama Papers, together with past leaks published by ICIJ, show how China's own political and economic elite use Hong Kong intermediaries to get their money out of China. While the leaks contain no allegations of wrongdoing, they are a sore spot for China's top leadership, which has been trumpeting nationalism and moral virtue as it tries to slow capital flight and fight corruption. Much of the wealth that runs through Hong Kong comes from mainland China, which is widely seen as a growth market in the offshore industry. The top source

of funds that Mossack Fonseca helped move offshore was China, according to an analysis of ICIJ data by the Guardian newspaper.

In 2009, when president Xi Jinping's brother-in-law Deng Jiagui wanted to register two companies in the British Virgin Islands, his advisers at Mossack Fonseca turned to a Hong Kong firm called Wong Brothers & Co., according to ICIJ's documents.

The firm's lead partner is an accountant named Charles Chan-lum Chow. Chow was a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, a government advisory body, in southern Guangdong province from at least 2003 to 2013, according to state media reports and government websites. He spent 12 years on the board of China Aerospace International Holdings, the listed subsidiary of the main contractor for China's space program.

Chow did not respond to requests for comment.

Deng's companies went dormant before Xi took power, according to ICIJ, and no allegations of wrongdoing have been made. It's not clear what happened to whatever Xi family assets those companies once held.

"Everybody in the elite needs Hong Kong," said Ho-fung Hung, an associate pro-

fessor at Johns Hopkins University. "Everybody. Even Xi Jinping's family needs it. They don't have an incentive to shut this channel to move money out."

It's not just Chinese running money through Hong Kong. When a company linked to France's far-right National Front party wanted to move money out of the country, associates of party leader Marine Le Pen used shell companies in Hong Kong, according to a report in *Le Monde* newspaper based on the Panama Papers. The French daily has also linked a separate Hong Kong firm with family members of Algeria's governing elite.

The company that helps run two of those firms, P&B Management Services, is housed in a dimly-lit office in Wan Chai district, according to Hong Kong corporate filings. Staff there declined to speak with a reporter.

Large-scale counterfeiters from Germany, Austria and Japan, as well as China, run off-shore structures out of Hong Kong to launder their money, said Douglas Clark, a lawyer at Hong Kong's Gilt Chambers.

"That's part of Hong Kong being a trading city and entrepot," he said. "It welcomes everyone."

Despite a recent crackdown on secrecy, Hong Kong is still ranked as the second most secretive jurisdiction in the world, after Switzerland, by the Tax Justice Network, a U.K. advocacy group.

Rules are only as good as their enforcement, said John Christensen, Tax Justice Network's director, and "Hong Kong has never had a strong supervisory culture."

In 2014, Hong Kong began requiring companies to have at least one real person serving as a director. This effectively barred the practice of creating impenetrable daisy chains of corporate ownership, in which one mysterious company was controlled by another mysterious company.

But clients can easily register companies under other people's names. "They can always find their relative as the nominee," said the director of a small incorporation firm also based in Wan Chai district, who would only give his surname, Lee, for fear of compromising client privacy.

He said most clients don't mind using their real names in filings. The big secrecy business runs out of the gleaming skyscrapers of Hong Kong's Central business district, where elite firms charge ten times his rates, he said.

"Wealthy people, they won't come here," he said. "They'll go to Central. They don't mind paying a few thousand more for more secured, private service."



## Overdrive

**AUTO REVIEW:**By **LARRY PRINTZ**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

# 2016 Kia Sedona

## a better ride than its sales suggest

Admit to driving a minivan and you're sure to endure a torrent of derision, snide remarks and remarkable rudeness. You have to wonder why.

For these naysayers most likely drive crossover utility vehicles. They perceive them as being hip, but let's be honest, a family sled is a family sled. And if you need to haul a lot of people or cargo or both, nothing beats a minivan. They deliver remarkable functionality at a reasonable price.

Exhibit A: the 2016 Kia Sedona, which starts at \$26,400.

That's \$3,745 less than the basic Honda Pilot.

Both vehicles have front-wheel drive, ample ground clearance for inclement weather, three rows of seats, and a V-6 engine with six-speed automatic transmission that can tow 3,500 pounds. Nevertheless, the Sedona holds more cargo when all seats are occupied and more with all seats stowed.

There's a reason for that. The pricier Pilot is 6.9 inches shorter in length than the Sedona, resulting in reduced cargo capacity and shrunken second- and third-row legroom.

The Pilot is, however, 360 pounds lighter, so its additional 4 horsepower should make it a faster vehicle. But the best



TNS  
The 2016 Sedona SX Limited delivers remarkable functionality at a reasonable price.

family bus isn't the fastest; it's the one that's most useful at the lowest cost, and it's in these categories where the Sedona truly shines.

While not America's most popular minivan—it ranked

fifth of six minivans in 2015 sales—it's certainly stylish. Credit its makeover last year by Kia's crack design team, led by former Volkswagen designer Peter Schreyer and chief designer Tom Kearns.

Their team endowed the Sedona with a surprisingly sinister, urbane look anchored by Kia's distinctive tiger-nose grille. Clearly, this is not your father's family truckster.

The vibe continues inside,

especially on the top-of-the-line SXL model, where a two-tone interior, leather seating with contrasting piping, piano black and metallic accents, a wood-trimmed and heated steering wheel, and dual sunroofs give the cabin the feeling of first class accommodations. The second row bucket seats feature what Kia calls its lounge seating, which allows passengers to recline their seats as if in the living room, although doing so takes two steps, one for the feet and another for the backrest. It's sweet, but those taller than 6 feet will find foot room tight should they decide to recline.

The Sedona is offered in five trim levels, which in ascending order are: the L, LX, EX, SX and SXL. Of those, the mid-level EX is the best deal.

This package features such niceties as high performance dampers (for better ride and handling), 18-inch alloy wheels, power sliding doors, wiper de-icer, dual gloveboxes, tri-zone air-conditioning, automatic up-down power windows, a smart key with pushbutton start, and a leather-wrapped steering wheel.

All Sedonas come with a double overhead cam 3.3-liter V-6 engine mated to a six-speed automatic transmission. This combination generates 276 horsepower and 248 pound-feet of torque. Power is strong under most circumstances, although the van is geared for fuel economy, not fun. You'll be planting your foot a lot to request more power. The transmission shifts smoothly most of the time, making the cabin a serene, spacious family room.

No one buys a minivan for its handling, although it's an important factor for keeping your family safe. You might need your vehicle to safely perform a last-minute emergency maneuver, and here's where the Sedona proved surprising.

Like corporate cousin Hyundai, Kia has been tightening the soft ride preferred by South Korean consumers. So while there's ample softness to absorb the worst road shocks, the Sedona's body remains stable, endowing the driver with confidence. Body lean is well-controlled, so this minivan can hustle through corners with surprising agility. However, the Sedona is a little

too long and heavy to make it much fun, even if it can handle a twisting road more deftly than you would suspect.

And that's what makes this new Kia so endearing. It can handle any chore thrown at it—and do it with a dash of style.

Best of all, it comes with a generous suite of standard safety gear, including electronic stability control, traction control, brake assist, electronic brake force distribution, anti-lock brakes, cornering brake control, hill start assist, and rollover mitigation.

Quibbles? A couple. The second row seats in my tester were welcome but vibrated constantly, not unlike overanxious hamsters. The infotainment system was easy to use but constantly dropped the Bluetooth audio connection. Finally, the seat padding was thin enough to feel the springs through the leather driver's seat.

In the final analysis, you'll find the Kia Sedona to be a compelling buy among family haulers, and the model's relatively low sales means that unlike Toyota, Honda, Chrysler or Dodge owners, you won't see your ride coming and going too often.

So let's do this. Let's not tell them how fine a ride the Kia Sedona is. It will be our little secret.

### UNDER THE HOOD: Side-to-side drifting common among Nissans

By **BRAD BERGHOLDT**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**Q: I purchased a new 2015 Nissan Altima. It's a very nice car except for the fact that it noticeably wanders left and right when going faster than 25 mph and needs constant correction. This makes for a stressful drive.**

**The dealership has checked and adjusted the alignment two times and centered the steering wheel. It's still off center. It's also rotated the wheels two times and set and checked the tire pressure, but all this has been no help.**

**At the last 9,000-mile check, I was made aware of a Nissan technical bulletin that read, "Steering wheel off center may be the normal result of road crown. Vehicles have a natural tendency to drift to the low side of the crown".**

**My car drifts as it pleases, regardless of the road surface. This bulletin may be helpful to a new driver who doesn't have 60 years of driving experience and most likely more than 250,000**

**miles traveled, but it doesn't help me.**

**I was also told that this car has electrical steering assist and that the system checks out fine. Can you help?**

**--Bruce**

**A:** The first thing I thought of when reading your letter was that I should check to see if the 2015 Altima's front suspension caster is adjustable or if an aftermarket caster kit is available. No such luck.

Caster is the alignment angle of the upper and lower suspension pivots. It's similar to the rake of a bicycle's front fork: The greater the rake, the greater the straight-line happiness. Your Altima runs about 5 degrees of caster, which is a generous amount.

I researched your issue and found that lots of folks have been complaining about this since Nissan adopted an electric power steering system in 2013.

In this system, hydraulic pressure is created by an electric motor-driven pump. The power steering control unit looks at signals from the vehicle speed sensor and steering angle sensor and adjusts

system pressure to the programmed values.

My hunch is the rate of steering assist is higher than some folks prefer at highway speeds and results in an oversensitive feel. Unfortunately, there isn't a correction for this unless enough people complain and prompt Nissan to consider a software adjustment to the system. Some folks report an improvement in tracking after they've reduced tire pressure a few pounds.

**Q: My 2000 Mitsubishi Diamante's horn no longer beeps when I set the car's alarm. How do I find and fix the problem?**

**--Stu**

**A:** This issue is very likely more complicated than I can explain in this short space, but I'll give it a try.

Your anti-theft alarm horn is operated via a relay, which is controlled by the electronic timer alarm control system's electronic control unit.

What's most important here, though, is that your horn would work in the event of a theft.

Try arming the system as

you depart, leaving the driver's window down and then reaching inside and opening the door. If the alarm sounds, this proves the system as well as the relay, wiring and horn are OK. If not, I'd recommend testing of the power-door locking system first and then proceeding with additional scan-tool tests to see if the anti-theft system can be armed successfully. If the alarm does arm and sound when triggered, my hunch would be that there's a fault in the electronic control unit or perhaps the alarm-arming beep choice has been inadvertently deselected. With the engine off, try unplugging, waiting five minutes and then reconnecting the control unit (it's located behind the left side instrument panel), which should restore the original operating defaults.

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### **NUTS & BOLTS**

#### **2016 Kia Sedona**

■ Base prices: \$26,400-\$39,900 (baseline Sedona L, premium Sedona SX Limited)

■ Engine: Double-overhead-cam 3.3-liter V-6

■ Horsepower: 276

Torque: 248 pound-feet

■ Fuel type: Regular unleaded

■ Environmental Protection Agency fuel economy (city/highway): 18/24

■ Wheelbase: 120.5 inches

■ Length: 201.4 inches

■ Cargo capacity: 33.9-142 cubic feet (depending on number of seats in use)

■ Towing capacity: 3,500 pounds

Curb weight: 4,414-4,658 pounds (baseline, fully loaded)

■ National Highway Traffic Safety Administration safety rating: 5 stars

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# Life & Style

## Melissa McCarthy's 'The Boss' debuts to \$23.5M at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Step aside, Batman and Superman. Melissa McCarthy is “The Boss” at the box office now.

The actress' latest comedy of insider trading narrowly topped “Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice” total knockout. The Warner

1. **“The Boss,”** \$23.5 million (\$1 million international).
2. **“Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice,”** \$23.4 million (\$34 million international).
3. **“Zootopia,”** \$14.4 million (\$22.7 million international).
4. **“My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2,”** \$6.4 million (\$3.3 million international).
5. **“Hardcore Henry,”** \$5.1 million.
6. **“Miracles From Heaven,”** \$4.8 million (\$1.1 million international).
7. **“God's Not Dead 2,”** \$4.3 million.
8. **“The Divergent Series: Allegiant,”** \$3.6 million.
9. **“10 Cloverfield Lane,”** \$3 million (\$6.2 million international).
10. **“Eye in the Sky,”** \$2.8 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. **“Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice,”** \$34 million.
2. **“The Jungle Book,”** \$28.9 million.
3. **“London Has Fallen,”** \$26 million.
4. **“Zootopia,”** \$22.7 million.
5. **“The Huntsman: Winter's War,”** \$20 million.
6. **“Kung Fu Panda 3,”** \$11.4 million.
7. **“Les Visiteurs: La Revolution,”** \$7.2 million.
8. **“10 Cloverfield Lane,”** \$6.2 million.
9. **“My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2,”** \$3.3 million.
10. **“Miracles From Heaven,”** \$1.1 million.

at the weekend box office with a \$23.5 million debut, according to comScore estimates Sunday. “The Boss” stars McCarthy as an over-the-top business mogul attempting to rebound after being convicted

Bros. superhero smackdown starring Ben Affleck as the Dark Knight and Henry Cavill as the Man of Steel nabbed \$23.4 million in its third weekend. Despite poor reviews and word of mouth,



This image released by Universal Studios shows Melissa McCarthy, left, and Kristen Bell in a scene from, “The Boss.”

AP

“Batman v Superman” has earned an estimated \$296.7 million to date.

“Batman v Superman” earned an additional \$34 million in 67 international markets, bringing its international total to \$486.8 million.

When the final box office figures are released Monday, the DC Comics mash-up could end

up overcoming McCarthy's Rated Universal comedy.

“It's incredibly close,” said Paul Dergarabedian, comScore's senior media analyst. “It's one of the closest results between first- and second-place films I've ever seen. Anything can happen. We'll know for sure tomorrow.”

Disney's “Zootopia” land-

ed in third place with \$14.4 million. In its sixth weekend, the animated film featuring the voices of Jason Bateman and Ginnifer Goodwin has earned a total domestic haul of \$296 million.

The weekend's only other newcomer, STX Entertainment's first-person action romp “Hardcore Henry,”

opened in fifth place with a dismal \$5.1 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

## Duncan Sheik reconsiders a psycho and makes beautiful music

NEW YORK (AP)—The first time Duncan Sheik read the disturbingly gory novel “American Psycho,” it didn't go well. He got halfway through the book before throwing it across his dorm room in disgust.

“I remember being, frankly, kind of off-put by the style and the tone of the book and obviously the violence was just very hard to read in my tender, 21-year-old soul at the time,” the singer-songwriter said.

Some two decades later, he was urged to try again by producers hoping to turn it into a musical. Sheik bought another copy of Bret Easton Ellis' book ahead of a trip to Japan. This time, he kept it.

“I was completely absorbed by it and completely amazed by how prescient Bret Easton Ellis had been in this crazy story that he had written. He kind of predicted so much of where the culture was headed,” said Sheik, who wrote the music for the Tony Award-winning “Spring Awakening.”

Now Sheik is ready to let

Broadway audiences hear how he turned the provocative 1991 novel about a psychopath into one of the season's bravest pieces of musical theater. It opens April 20.

“Even though it's violent and it's bloody, it's also beautiful and really avant-garde and really cool,” said Sheik, who grounded the musical's sound in electronic dance music of the era.

The story centers on yuppie serial killer Patrick Bateman who is obsessed with high-end clothes and beauty products as he slashes his way through Manhattan. Christian Bale starred in the 2000 film version.

“The book really is an allegory to me. Patrick Bateman is an avatar of a lot of impulses that happen to a lot of people in our culture, including myself,” said Sheik, a Buddhist who bikes around the city and whose new album is the terrific “Legerdemain.”

“I see these incredibly materialistic sides to myself and this weird judgmental and non-compassionate part of my being. It's part of the hu-



Duncan Sheik poses for a portrait on Thursday, March 24, 2016, in New York.

AP

man condition. We all have it to some extent.”

Sheik, a Brown University

graduate who had the 1996 hit song “Barely Breathing,” channeled the music he heard

getting past the velvet ropes of trendy, late-1980s Manhattan clubs such as Tunnel and Nell's.

For one standout song, “You Are What You Wear,” he even reached out to old girlfriends to ask a question: What were you really into wearing in the late '80s? He put the answers in the tune about high fashion that rhymes Giorgio Armani with Norma Kamali.

The result is producer Jesse Singer's favorite song from the musical and proof of how playful and clever Sheik can be. “Duncan is really a genius and an intellectual and brings something both uniquely his but importantly of this period to the stage,” said Singer.

Because Bateman—played onstage by Benjamin Walker—is an armchair music critic who likes Huey Lewis and the News and Phil Collins, Sheik also peppered his score with sly reworkings of “In the Air Tonight” and “Hip to Be Square.”

The show, directed by Rupert Gould and with a story by Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa,

made its premiere in late 2013 at the Almeida Theatre in London. The version in New York will be much wilder.

“We were all sort of worried that it might be too violent for people and it might seem too misogynist,” said Sheik. “But, in fact, the truth is this piece is a critique of a certain way of thinking about things. So in truth it's better to go all-in.”

He even got a chance to ask Ellis whether the craziness that Bateman gets up to is really happening or is just in his head. “Brett would not answer the question because I think he wants it to be really ambiguous,” Sheik said.

Either way, Sheik is hoping his brash soundscape for “American Psycho” does the same thing his fresh songs for “Spring Awakening” did a decade ago: Attract new audiences for something bold onstage.

“I feel like it's become my project to kind of drag different people who might not normally go to musical theater pieces to come see a piece of musical theater,” he said.



# LeBron James surprises customers as pizza store employee

**CLEVELAND (AP)**—LeBron James spent a recent off day stacking pizza boxes and taking orders.

The Cavaliers star surprised customers at a Blaze Pizza store in Pasadena, California, by posing as a new employee named, "Ron." In a video released Friday, James walks behind the counter carrying pizza boxes before chatting with customers as they wait in line.

James recommends trying a spicy sauce to one customer, who does several double-takes while trying to figure out if he's talking to the NBA great. Another customer mistakes him for former Miami teammate Dwyane Wade. James says, "I get that a lot."

James filmed the spoof earlier this month while the Cavs were in Los Angeles playing the Clippers and Lakers. It's not the first time James has

shown off his acting chops. He had a supporting role in last year's comedy, "Trainwreck," starring Amy Schumer.

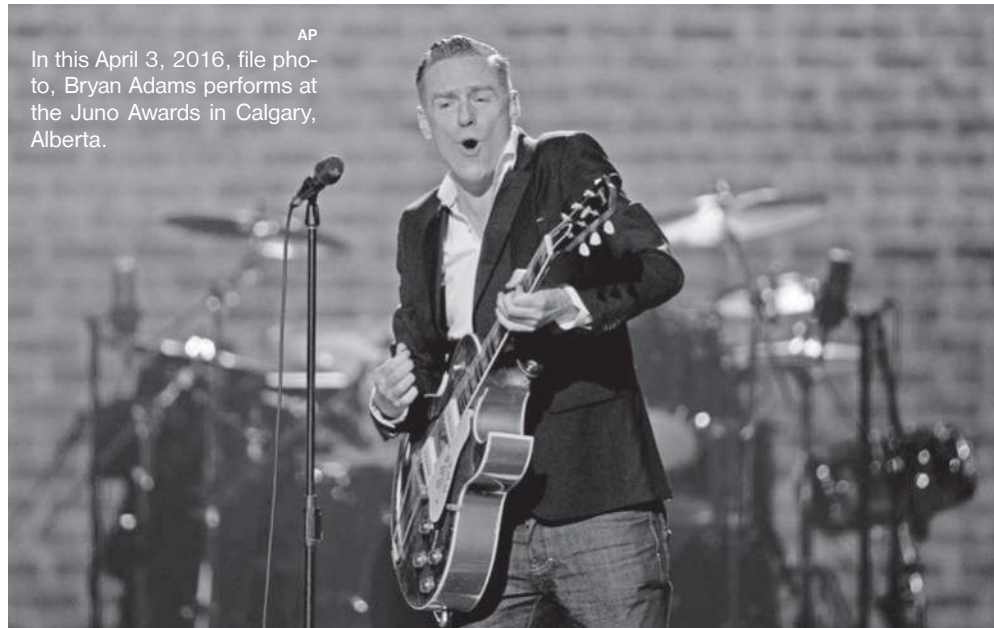
The 31-year-old James is an investor in the Blaze Pizza franchise.

AP

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James drives to the basket against the Milwaukee Bucks during the first half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, April 5, 2016, in Milwaukee.



## Bryan Adams cancels Mississippi show, citing state's new law



AP  
In this April 3, 2016, file photo, Bryan Adams performs at the Juno Awards in Calgary, Alberta.

**BILOXI, Miss. (AP)**—Canadian rocker Bryan Adams is canceling a performance this week in Mississippi, citing the state's new law that allows religious groups and some private businesses to refuse service to gay couples.

Adams said in a statement Sunday night that he was canceling a show Thursday at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

The singer says he can't "in good conscience" perform in a state where "certain people are being denied their civil rights due to their sexual orientation."

The move comes after Bruce Springsteen and the E

Street Band canceled a Sunday show in Greensboro, North Carolina, because of the state's new law blocking anti-discrimination rules for the LGBT community.

The Mississippi law will take effect July 1. Supporters say it offers protection for Christians who adhere to traditional views of marriage and gender roles.

## Toni Morrison wins MacDowell medal for lifetime achievement

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Nobel laureate Toni Morrison has won a lifetime achievement honor presented by the MacDowell artist colony.

The Peterborough, New Hampshire-based MacDowell Colony announced Thursday the 85-year-old Morrison is the 57th recipient of the

Edward MacDowell Medal.

Author Dave Eggers chaired the selection committee. He praises Morrison as "our nation's conscience" and calls "Beloved" and other Morrison novels works of "astonishing power and beauty."

The MacDowell Colony's

mission is to nurture the arts by offering talented artists an inspiring environment in which they can produce enduring works of the imagination. The colony will present Morrison her award on Aug. 14.

Previous winners include Robert Frost, Aaron Copeland and Georgia O'Keeffe.

## Friars Club hosts 90th birthday tribute for Jerry Lewis

**NEW YORK (AP)**—At the Friars Club tribute for Jerry Lewis' 90th birthday, many of the jokes were not about Jerry Lewis.

There were R-rated wisecracks Friday night about Donald Trump, Monica Lewinsky, doctors, sex and growing old from speakers including Richard Belzer, Freddie Roman and Max Alexander. When the subject did turn to Lewis, the kidding around turned to praise as Lewis was honored as a comic master, inspiration, and, for Belzer, a savior.

"My mother was very physical; she used to be beat me up or give me an enema

for punishment," said Belzer, one of Lewis' closest friends. "Once in a while I would do a Jerry shtick ... and my mother would laugh and sometimes not hit me."

About 200 people squeezed into the first floor dining room for the 90-minute event. Lewis, whose birthday was last month, sat to the side of the dais, where he laughed and cried.

The Friars Club has long been like a second home for

Lewis, whose name appears on the front of the building and whose pictures hang inside. Before the tribute, he sipped on a soda in the first floor bar, otherwise known as the Billy Crystal Room, and dined upstairs with such friends as Robert De Niro and Jim Carrey. A birthday card in the lobby was signed by comedian Gilbert Gottfried and former "Saturday Night Live" writer Alan Zweibel, among others.



AP  
Jeff Ross, from left, Richard Belzer, and Jim Carrey, right, joke with entertainer Jerry Lewis at the Friars Club before his 90th birthday celebration on Friday, April 8, 2016, in New York.

## Revenge after breakup should be put on hold

**DEAR ABBY:** Recently a guy I've known for more than a year decided it would be best for us to part ways. Before Christmas, I had asked what he would like for Christmas. His response was, "I don't want anything for Christmas—I want you."

A couple of weeks later, he told me the pictures, nightstand, candy dishes and candleholders he had in my apartment were gifts from him because he loved me. Tonight, he packed everything up and left! I don't know exactly why, but I think it has more to do with his own issues than about me.

Abby, I feel I have been manipulated and used. Ironically, this man I thought was a friend is a psychotherapist. While we were together, he would discuss confidential information about some of his clients with me. I think I should report him, but on the other hand, I'm asking myself whether I'm only looking for revenge.

Should I leave it alone, or report him to the American Psychological Association? Or am I overreacting to losing him? I still feel really mixed up.

VENGEFUL IN MINNESOTA

**DEAR VENGEFUL:** Psychotherapists are not gods, and

like other human beings, they can have their flaws. I understand why you would be hurt and disappointed. However, rather than look for revenge, you should consider yourself lucky you didn't invest more time in this flake.

As to whether you should report his breach of professional ethics to the APA, I think that for the sake of the patients/clients whose trust he has betrayed, you should do exactly that—but after your anger is no longer raging.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm wondering if I have an issue or if what concerns me is fairly normal. I am 31 years old and have three daughters, two stepsons, an ex-wife and one current wife.

I have been asked most of my adult life, as I'm sure most people have, "Where do you see yourself in five years? Ten years?" For some reason, I can't figure out how to answer this question. There are many variables at play, and many lives would be affected by my pursuing what I want in five to 10 years. I can't say I'm going to be "here doing this in five years" because I have no idea what might change.

Do I need professional help? It upsets my wife when she wants to talk about the future and I can't give her an answer.

CONFUSED ABOUT THE FUTURE

## DEAR ABBY

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**DEAR CONFUSED:** Some people use the question of "where will you be ..." as a method of setting goals. What your wife may really be asking is, "Are you satisfied with things as they are now, and if not, what changes do you intend to make?" If that's the case, it might be illuminating to ask her what changes she would LIKE you to make.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



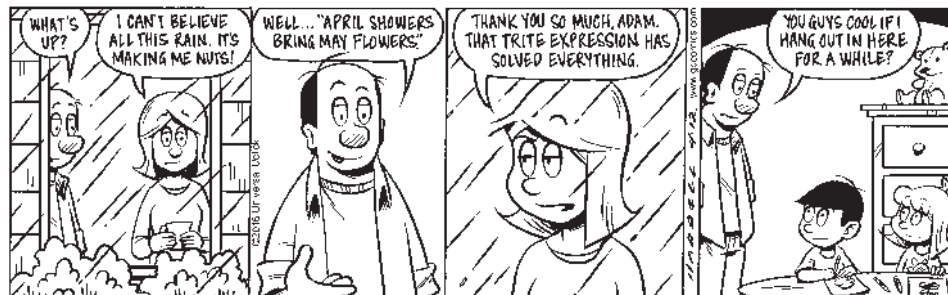
## Garfield®

By Jim Davis



## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset



## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Actor Estrada  
5 Scale member  
8 Swiss peaks  
12 Moth variety  
13 Goat's plaint  
14 Horseback game  
15 Small caterpillar  
17 Novelist Anita  
18 Trail the pack  
19 "At once!"  
21 Pleased with oneself  
24 Leeway  
25 Volcanic flow  
26 Relief for sore tootsies  
30 Raw rock dish  
32 Victory sign

**DOWN**

33 Sail supports  
35 Equipment  
36 Broadcasts  
37 Athletes  
38 Ungracefully  
41 Automation, for short  
42 Scrambled wd.  
43 — City (Denver nick-name)  
48 Apportion  
49 Shock partner

**50 Met solo**  
**51 Pitcher**  
**52 At once**  
**53 Thaw**

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**16 Bankroll**  
**20 Decays**  
**21 Tactic**  
**22 — avis**  
**23 Done with**  
**24 Wanders**  
**26 Charon, for one**  
**27 Opposite of "sans"**  
**28 Ship wood**  
**29 Towel word**  
**31 Release money**  
**34 Sharp weapon**  
**35 "Batman" setting**  
**37 Average guy**  
**38 Up for it**  
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**41 Botched**  
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**46 Baseball's**  
**47 Chapeau**

**Solution time: 22 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 4-12

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Saoirse Ronan, 22; Claire Danes, 37; David Letterman, 69; Ed O'Neill, 70.

**Happy Birthday:** Find ways to cut your overhead and steady your financial situation, and you will ease your stress. Don't worry about how much money you have when your main concerns should be achieving peace of mind and maintaining what's really important to you. An opportunity is apparent to make your future better. Don't hesitate to take the practical path. Your numbers are 8, 17, 20, 22, 29, 36, 45.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Avoid appearing inconsistent or unpredictable, or you will be regarded as difficult. An emotional issue with someone will come to a head if you can't find it in your heart to forgive and forget. Make love and compassion a priority. \*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Extend a kind gesture to someone. Your sensitivity and compassion will bring high returns. Participate in events that will bring you in touch with someone from your past. An aggressive action will show others that you mean business. \*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** A reality check is in order. Recall memories that will make you revisit a similar situation to the one you face now, and you will be wiser in the way you handle matters. A subtle change to your appearance will bring compliments. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your sensitivity will make it difficult for you to keep the peace. Responding to someone who makes negative comments will not help you move

forward. Save your energy for something that will enhance your life instead of harming it. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Put business first and you will advance. Use your charm, wit and bright personality to wow those you work with. Let your adventurous spirit continue to grow when it comes to your personal life and romantic desires. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Rely on your perceptive qualities to help you come up with answers and to guide you through any situations that may be uncertain. Don't be tempted to overdo, overspend or overreact. Take the practical approach whenever possible. \*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Partnerships are highlighted and can make a difference to the way you live. An unexpected change will alter your way of thinking as well as your direction. Don't let emotions hold you back from an opportunity that stimulates you. \*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Take on a project that will use your talents by implementing the thing you get the most out of doing emotionally, financially or physically. An opportunity will have its highs and lows. Don't let emotional blackmail cause you to miss out. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Socialize, do things with children or make new friends. You can make an interesting change at home that will give you greater freedom to reach your life goals. Being open to compromise will help you deal with those who oppose your plans. \*\*\*

## EUGENIA LAST

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Learn from observation and avoid making a mistake. Caution will be required while traveling or taking on physical challenges. Reconnecting with someone from your past will have an influence on a decision you make. Impulsive reactions will lead to personal uncertainty. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You'll have plenty of ideas, but before you try to take on too much, consider what's most important to you and concentrate on completing one thing at a time. Organization and preparation combined with enthusiasm will lead to your success. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Express your desires and share your dreams, but don't be too quick to try to do the impossible. Being reasonable and looking for practical alternatives should be your intent. Don't give in to poor habits or temptation. \*\*\*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are kind, proud and generous. You are ambitious and energetic. Eugenia's website—[eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com), Eugenia's android app @ <http://bit.ly/exhoro> and join Eugenia on twitter/facebook/linkedin.

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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8	1	3	2	5	6	9	4	7
6	5	7	8	9	4	1	3	2

Difficulty Level: ★

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## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

**MICHIGAN'S STATE TRUNKLINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM** Sol.: 6 letters

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# Warriors tie Bulls' record, end Spurs' home streak



**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)—The Golden State Warriors got a momentous victory in the one place they hadn't won in nearly two decades.

Now, they're one victory away from topping Michael Jordan and the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls.

Stephen Curry had 37 points and the Warriors beat the San Antonio Spurs 92-86 on Sunday night for their 72nd victory, tying Jordan's Bulls for the season record.

"We can get to 73," forward Draymond Green said. "That's the significance for me of 72."

The defending champions will finish the regular season at home against Memphis on Wednesday night.

"Obviously, we're in the moment, enjoying the ride," Curry said. "The goal is to win a championship. That's the goal. But we put ourselves in a great position to end the season with a win and do something no team has done in the history. That's an amazing accomplishment."

The Warriors got No. 72 by doing what nobody else had this season—beating the Spurs in San Antonio.

The Spurs had won 48 consecutive regular-season games at home, including an NBA-record 39 straight to this season. Golden State also ended a 33-game skid in San Antonio that dated to 1997.

"Definitely sweet because we broke the streak," Warriors guard Klay Thompson said. "That's all the media would talk about for the last few years. It's tough to win here. It definitely was huge for us."

San Antonio sat Tim Duncan for rest and was without an injured Boris Diaw. It had not lost at home since March 2015. The Spurs also fell to

Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) drives around San Antonio Spurs' Kawhi Leonard (2) and Patty Mills, of Australia, during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, April 10, 2016, in San Antonio.

Golden State on Thursday night in Oakland, 112-101.

The Warriors dominated the fourth quarter in taking the season series 3-1. Curry controlled the action with a series of layups when San Antonio's defense attempted to run him off the 3-point line.

"They just exploded," Spurs forward David West said. "Steph just took over the game. We weren't able to get to him, keep bodies in front of him."

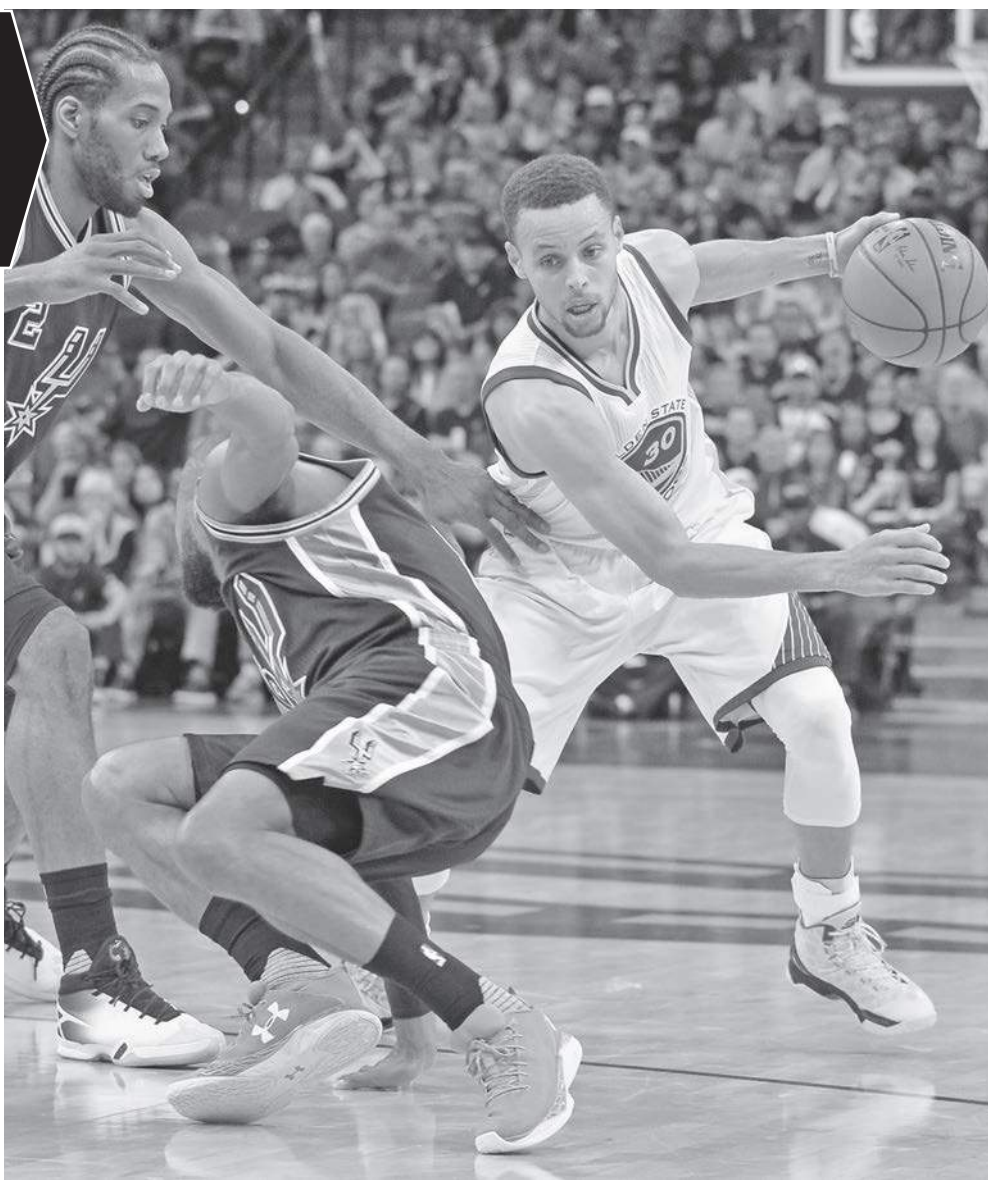
Curry had 20 points in the second half.

In their lone victory over Golden State this season, San Antonio managed to slow down the game. The Spurs tried to match the Warriors' pace Sunday, though, leading to a tense and at times sloppy game.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 24 points to lead the Spurs, who have lost three straight for the first time this season. Kawhi Leonard added 20 points but shot 7 for 22 while continually being harried by Green.

Green got a technical for charging directly toward Monty McCutcheon at the scorer's table after the official ruled he fouled Leonard in the first half. With Andrew Bogut screaming from the Warriors' bench for teammates to grab Green, the energetic forward followed McCutcheon across the court to continue his argument. A second technical was not issued.

Green finished with 11 points, and Thompson added 14 for Golden State.



## Pacers 129, Nets 105

In Indianapolis, Myles Turner had 28 points and 10 rebounds and Indiana beat Brooklyn to clinch a playoff berth.

Solomon Hill had 13 points and 12 rebounds, George Hill had 18 points, Ian Mahinmi 16, and Paul George 15. The Pacers jumped ahead 17-5 in the first quarter and led by as many as 42 points.

Sean Kilpatrick led the Nets with 26 points. Markel Brown had 18 points and 11 rebounds.

The Pacers have two games left and can still finish as high as seventh in the Eastern Con-

ference if they finish with the same record as Detroit.

## Clippers 98, Mavericks 91

In Los Angeles, Jamal Crawford scored 22 points and Los Angeles beat Dallas, snapping the Mavericks' six-game winning streak and preventing them from clinching a playoff berth.

J.J. Redick added 20 points and Blake Griffin had 17 points and 11 rebounds in his best game since returning a week ago from a three-month absence to help the playoff-

bound Clippers win their fifth in a row.

Raymond Felton led Dallas with 21 points, Deron Williams added 15, and Dirk Nowitzki 14.

The loss kept the Mavs (41-39) in seventh place in the Western Conference, a game behind Memphis with two games to play. Dallas needs either a victory or a Houston loss to clinch a playoff berth for the 15th time in 16 years. The Rockets beat the Lakers 130-110 on Sunday.

## Jazz 100, Nuggets 84

In Denver, Trey Lyles scored a career-high 22 points in an unexpected start, Gordon Hayward helped fuel a 24-0 third-quarter run and Utah beat Denver to maintain its one-game lead over Houston for the last Western Conference playoff spot.

Lyles got the start when Derrick Favors was a late scratch because of right knee soreness. Hayward scored 10 of his 22 points in a pivotal third quarter that saw Utah turn the game into a rout.

Nikola Jokic and Emmanuel Mudiay each had 19 points for Nuggets.

## Rockets 130, Lakers 110

In Houston, James Harden scored 20 of his 40 points in the fourth quarter, and Houston kept its playoff hopes alive with a victory

over Los Angeles.

Harden also had 13 assists. Trevor Ariza and Patrick Beverley each 19 points for the Rockets.

Kobe Bryant, who has just two games left before his retirement, had 35 points for Los Angeles. Jordan Clarkson had 21 points and eight rebounds.

## Raptors 93, Knicks 89

In New York, DeMar DeRozan converted a tiebreaking three-point play with 1:05 left on a night he became Toronto's No. 2 career scorer, and the Raptors beat New York to stay alive for the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference.

DeRozan finished with 27 points to help the Raptors pull within two games of Cleveland with two to play for both teams. Toronto won the season series and owns the tiebreaker.

DeRozan has 9,426 points and moved ahead of Vince Carter (9,420). He trails only Chris Bosh (10,275) on the Raptors' career list. The Raptors set a franchise record with their 23rd road victory.

Carmelo Anthony scored 21 points for New York.

## Wizards 113, Hornets 98

In Washington, Marcin Gortat had 21 points and 13 rebounds and Washington beat Charlotte, damaging the Hornets' chances to secure home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Marcus Thornton added 16 points for the Wizards and Ramon Sessions had 15 points and 11 assists.

Frank Kaminsky had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Hornets.

## Heat 118, Magic 96

In Miami, Luol Deng scored 20 points, Hassan Whiteside added 18 points and 15 rebounds in his first start since Jan. 20, and Miami beat Orlando.

Goran Dragic had 19 points for the Heat, and Dwyane Wade had 17 on 7-of-9 shooting in 24 highly efficient minutes. Gerald Green added 15 for Miami, which outscored Orlando 60-38 in the paint.

Evan Fournier scored 21 points for the Magic, with Nik Vucevic adding 19 points.

## Bucks 109, Sixers 108, OT

In Philadelphia, Khris Middleton scored 36 points and John Henson had 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead Milwaukee past Philadelphia.

Jabari Parker added 15 points and Giannis Antetokounmpo had 14 for the Bucks. Ish Smith led the 76ers with 22 points and Nerlens Noel had 18 points and 13 rebounds.

## Olympic venues nearly ready for TV; big worries elsewhere

**RIO DE JANEIRO** (AP)—Olympic inspectors are taking their final look this week at Rio de Janeiro's preparation.

The International Olympic Committee team will find most of the venues ready to show off to billions of television viewers when the games open in just under four months.

But trouble lingers behind the cameras.

President Dilma Rousseff is fighting impeachment and could be out of office when the Olympics open Aug. 5. The country's in its worst recession since the 1930s with unemployment at 10 percent. Many Brazilians have more serious worries than South America's first games.

Last week the Greek Olym-

pic Committee said Rousseff would skip the Olympic torch-light ceremony on April 21 in Greece.

Away from politics, the Zika virus and raw sewage in area waters may be scaring away fans and even some athletes, budgets are being cut everywhere including with security, and there are suspicions that corruption has touched some Olympic-related building projects.

Organizers say the venues are 95 percent complete. However, the velodrome and tennis center in the Olympic Park are behind schedule as

is the equestrian center in the northern cluster of Deodoro. All should be ready for the games.

Venues for sailing, rowing, canoeing and open-water swimming contain high levels of viruses and, in some cases, bacteria from human sewage. Organizers have repeatedly said the waters are safe. However, a risk assessment based on an Associated Press analysis found that athletes who ingest just three teaspoons of water have a 99 percent chance of being infected by a virus. That does not mean they will automatically become ill.

Athletes will arrive with antibiotics, wetsuits, bleach for paddles and oars and hand sanitizers -- and they'll try to limit contact with the dirty water.

Zika may keep some foreign tourists from going to the Olympics and it also poses a risk to young athletes. There's strong evidence the virus is to blame for an increase in birth defects and doctors fear pregnant women sickened by the virus might give birth to babies with abnormally small heads.

The World Health Organization has advised pregnant women to avoid travel to areas with Zika outbreaks, and Brazil is at the epicenter. Scientists have also noted that Zika can be sometimes spread through sexual transmission.





# Willettt wins after Spieth collapses at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Well done, Englishmen.

Sheffield's Danny Willett joined three-time winner Nick Faldo as the only Englishmen to win the Masters. Sunday was a huge day for several of his countrymen, too.

Five English players had top-10 finishes at Augusta National. Lee Westwood tied Texan Jordan Spieth for second at 2-under 286, three shots behind Willett. Paul Casey was fourth at 1 under, Matthew Fitzpatrick was in a three-way tie for seventh for even par, and Justin Rose tied for 10th at 1 over.

It was a cocktail of seasoned vets like Casey, Westwood and Rose mixed with up and comers, including Fitzpatrick, 21 and Willett, 28.

"I hope we're not changing the guard just yet," Casey said. "Give us another five years or so."

In fact, Willett, Casey and Fitzpatrick seemed in perfect synch in the final round. All shot 67s.

Nobody was better over those final 18 holes than the three Englishmen, who shared Sunday's low score.

But Casey noted that playing in the heyday of Tiger Woods made it tougher on the older guys.

Willettt, meanwhile, got to follow Faldo (1989, 1990 and 1996) as a Masters champion. Scotland's Sandy Lyle won in



AP  
Defending champion Jordan Spieth, left, shakes hands with Masters champion Danny Willett, of England, following the final round of the Masters golf tournament Sunday, April 10, 2016, in Augusta, Ga.

1988 and Wales' Ian Woosnam in 1991.

"And to follow up with them it's fantastic," Willett said. "They were great champions to win the Masters. And I still can't believe I'm going to be in and amongst them. And in the Champions locker room. It really boggles me."

Willettt shot a closing 67 for a 5-under 283 total.

"I can't imagine that was fun for anyone to experience, other than maybe Danny's

team," Spieth said when it was over, with a nod to Willett.

Nothing describes Spieth's slow-motion wreck Sunday at the Masters better than the way a character in "The Sun Also Rises" answers the question "How did you go bankrupt?"

"Two ways," he replies. "Gradually, then suddenly."

Just past 5 p.m. on a crisp Sunday afternoon, Spieth

had just made the last of four straight birdies at No. 9 to reach 7 under. He was holding a five-shot lead, apparently cruising toward a second straight Masters win in only his third start.

Just as impressive, that run of birdies appeared to have buried the memory of Spieth's mini-collapse just a day earlier, when he bogeyed No. 17 and made double bogey at the last hole

to close out the third round.

Then came the pushed drive to the right at No. 10, followed by an approach shot into a greenside bunker and a bogey. Next, Spieth pushed it even farther right off the 11th tee, punched it back into the fairway and then onto the green; two putts later, he made another bogey, shrinking his lead over Willett to two shots.

His troubles were just beginning.

The par-3 12th green al-

ready held bad memories for Spieth, lingering from his debut. In 2014, he put a ball into Rae's Creek, but put his next shot on the ribbon-shaped green and walked off with a bogey. This time, he pulled a 9-iron to cover the 155 yards and hit it only 148. His second try, unlike two years ago, went even worse.

Trying to avoid a slope, Spieth dropped 68 yards from the flag.

"I'm not really sure what happened on the next shot," he said. "I just hit it fat."

Small wonder he blocked out the memory. In fact, Spieth stuck the wedge deep enough in the ground to dislodge a piece of turf the size of toupee, and sent the ball ballooning a measly 48.

Kerplunk!

Spieth's third try was from 70 yards and this one flew 80, into a back bunker. An explosion shot, another putt, a quadruple bogey and though seven holes remained—enough for Willett to pile on three birdies—the tournament was basically decided. The deficit was too big

## Rockies' Story hits seventh home run



DENVER (AP)—Rookie Trevor Story capped his amazing first week in the majors by hitting his seventh home run, helping the Colorado Rockies beat the San Diego Padres 6-3 Sunday.

Story's homer was one of five solo shots by the Rockies. Carlos Gonzalez went deep twice and Nolan Arenado and Ryan Raburn also connected for Colorado, which salvaged the finale of its three-game series.

Story, whose home run streak ended Friday night after he had become the first player in the majors to homer in the first four games of his career, sent a pitch from Brandon Maurer 425 feet into the left field bleachers leading off the bottom of the eighth.

The shortstop now has 12 RBI through six games.

### Orioles 5, Rays 3

In Baltimore, Manny Machado went 4 for 4 with a two-run homer, and Baltimore beat Tampa Bay to remain the only undefeated team in the majors.

The 5-0 start matches the

1970 team for the best in Orioles history. After sweeping Minnesota in three games to open the season, Baltimore completed the homestand by taking two from Tampa Bay in a rain-abbreviated series.

### Cubs 7, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Jake Arrieta homered and pitched seven innings, helping Chicago finish off an impressive first week by beating Arizona.

Chicago is tied with Cincinnati for the best record in the NL at 5-1. The Cubs host the Reds in their home opener Monday night at Wrigley Field.

### Giants 9, Dodgers 6

In San Francisco, Joe Panik hit a tiebreaking two-run double in the sixth inning and San Francisco homered three times to overcome an early five-run deficit and beat Los Angeles.

Buster Posey, Brandon Belt and Angel Pagan all homered as the Giants rallied after falling behind 5-0 before they even came up to bat. San Francisco has 14 homers in

the opening week of the season and the Giants have hit at least one homer in the first seven games for the first time since at least 1913.

### Phillies 5, Mets 2

In New York, Odubel Herrera hit a two-run homer off Matt Harvey in the first appearance at Citi Field for the Mets ace since he failed to close out Game 5 of last year's World Series, and Philadelphia beat New York.

Philadelphia won the last two games of the three-game series after an 0-4 start. The Phillies already have more wins at Citi Field this season than last, when they went 1-8.

### Royals 4, Twins 3, 10 innings

In Kansas City, speedy pinch runner Terrance Gore streaked home on a wild pitch with two outs in the 10th inning, scoring with a headfirst slide to lift Kansas City over winless Minnesota.

The World Series champion Royals rallied for two runs in the ninth to tie it, then dropped the Twins to 0-6.

This is Minnesota's worst start since the Washington Senators moved to the Twin Cities in 1961.

### Athletics 2, Mariners 1, 10 innings

In Seattle, Coco Crisp hit a two-out homer in the 10th inning to help Oakland overcome a dominant outing from Seattle ace Felix Hernandez and sweep the three-game series.

Hernandez struck out 10 over seven scoreless innings, allowing three hits and two walks.

### Blue Jays 3, Red Sox 0

In Toronto, Marco Estrada pitched seven shutout innings, Josh Donaldson hit a solo home run and Toronto beat Boston, avoiding a three-game sweep.

Activated off the 15-day disabled list before the game after missing the start of the season with a sore lower back, Estrada (1-0) gave up five hits, walked two and struck out eight, helping Toronto win for the first time in

five games.

### Reds 2, Pirates 1

In Cincinnati, Jay Bruce hit an RBI triple in the ninth inning and Cincinnati capped a strong season-opening homestand, beating Pittsburgh.

The Reds took two of three from the Pirates and are off to a 5-1 start.

Brandon Phillips led off the ninth with a single. After a popout, Bruce tripled down the right field line against Arquimedes Caminero (0-1).

### Angels 3, Rangers 1

In Anaheim, Jered Weaver pitched six effective innings in his injury-delayed season debut, and Los Angeles beat Texas to earn a split of the four-game series.

Mike Trout got his first two RBI of the season and Albert Pujols also singled home a run for Los Angeles, which bounced back after losing two in a row.

### Brewers 3, Astros 2

In Milwaukee, Jimmy Nelson struck out nine in six-plus innings, and Milwaukee took advantage of early wildness by Houston ace Dallas Keuchel in a win.

The AL Cy Young Award winner walked four in the first inning and gave up a two-run single to Aaron Hill. Keuchel (1-1) left with two outs in the sixth with a career high-tying six walks, including an intentional pass to Ryan Braun in the fourth.

### Cardinals 12, Braves 7

In Atlanta, Brandon Moss and Matt Carpenter hit three-run homers and St. Louis kept Atlanta as the only NL team without a win.

The Braves (0-5) also lost right-hander Dan Winkler, who suffered a fractured right elbow while throwing a pitch in the seventh. He left the mound in obvious pain after throwing a pitch behind Randal Grichuk.

### Nationals 4, Marlins 2

In Washington, Jayson Werth had an RBI single for his first hit of the season and Joe Ross allowed a run in seven innings to help Washington to a victory over Miami.

Bryce Harper hit the 99th and 100th doubles of his career and drove in the Nationals' first run as Washington split a two-game series after Saturday's postponement because of cold weather.



# Leicester qualifies for Champions League for 1st time

**SUNDERLAND, England (AP)**—Leicester qualified for the Champions League for the first time on Sunday and moved closer to the Premier League title with a 2-0 win at struggling Sunderland.

Jamie Vardy scored both goals to take his tally for the season to 21 goals, ending a five-game drought. The goals kept Leicester seven points clear of Tottenham, which beat Manchester United 3-0, and guaranteed a top-four finish for the central England team.

Although fourth place only secures a place in the Champions League playoff round, Leicester is unlikely to be dislodged from the top three—and has a firm grip on top spot.

Sunderland, though, is four points from safety with six games remaining—experiencing a relegation battle Leicester was embroiled in last season.

The hosts held off the lead-



Leicester City's Shinji Okazaki, right, vies for the ball with Sunderland's Jan Kirchhoff, during the English Premier League soccer match between Sunderland and Leicester City at the Stadium of Light, Sunderland, England, Sunday, April 10, 2016.

ers until the 66th minute when Vardy met Danny Drinkwater's high ball. The England striker tapped in his second in

stoppage time after rounding goalkeeper Vito Mannone.

It might have been very different at Sunderland had

Leicester goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel not managed to react quickly to keep out Fabio Borini's deflected shot as

the first half drew to a close.

But now it appears little can stop Leicester completing its amazing transformation from a team fighting relegation a year ago to lifting the league trophy in May.

"We've got a few games left. It's a step but a very big one," Drinkwater said.

"Coming off the Sunderland fans were clapping us as well which is brilliant. It was a great game, we knew it would be tough but managed to grind it out."

Leicester started on the front foot as Sunderland defender Younes Kaboul found himself under intense pressure from Vardy and Shinji Okazaki. Vardy headed wastefully wide after meeting Danny Simpson's inviting 12th-min-

ute cross.

Leicester captain Wes Morgan was equally profligate after being picked out from a corner by Christian Fuchs, but as the home side settled it started to make an impact.

Borini fired into the side-netting after taking a poor first touch from Jan Kirchhoff's through ball, and Kaboul powered a header over from the influential Wahbi Khazri's cross.

Both teams had penalty appeals waved away—Sunderland after Patrick van Aanholt's cross struck Robert Huth's arm as he slid in and Leicester after Riyad Mahrez's shot thumped into Kaboul's elbow.



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With the Sharks on target, they led at 48-0 at halftime.

"Our quarterback (Jerome Norita) was able to get in a couple of TD passes to his favorite target, Kelvin," Blanco said. "I have not received the game stats from the other team, but we had several of our players scoring, including Kelvin, Ben, Vince, Jermaine, George, and Rodney."

"Though we approached the game with the mindset that we intend to win, we also knew that our opponents would bring their A game and that we needed to stick to our assignments, keep cool heads and focus on ensuring that we did not allow our opponents

any opportunities to score or to shut down our offense. '18 Deep' has become the word amongst the team," Blanco added.

Meanwhile, the Sharks acknowledged Tan Holdings and Naked Fish for helping them in their fundraising efforts for the exhibition match in the Philippines and the team's other supporters.

"We would also like to thank Rep. Edmund Villagomez who has been a tireless supporter of our efforts to establish football in the CNMI, and the organizers from the Philippine Templars, most notably Coy Calleja, for hosting us. Thank you to all who supported our fundraising efforts through purchasing tickets," Blanco said.

## 670

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Atalig and company protected the double-digit spread in the second half as Tanapag could not score baskets in streak.

Atalig paced the Ol'Aces with his 12 points, while Pangelinan, Saralu, and Albert Atan combined for 25 markers.

In the second game, the 670 Sonics spread the wealth to pull off the close win against NMI Rollers.

Jester Kintaro knocked in the go-ahead basket for the 670 Sonics, which also drew points from three other players in the fourth quarter to steal the victory from NMI Rollers.

NMI Rollers, on the other hand, had only Angelo Factor making field goals for the squad in the fourth canto. He registered 10 of NMI Rollers' 11 markers in the final frame, while Joseph Kisa made the solitary point. NMI Rollers led in the first half, 22-20, behind Factor's 10 markers, but lost the upper hand in the third, 32-34, as only JP Cruz hit the

board for the former, while the 670 Sonics got contributions from four players.

The 670 Sonics continued to play a balance offense in the fourth canto to offset the one-man show of Factor and grab a share of the division lead with the Ol'Aces.

## First Game

**670 Sonics 43** — Kintaro 11, Itaas 10, Ordon 8, Ben 4, Ruez 4, Bayot 2, Sabangan 2, Cadag 2.

**NMI Rollers 42** — Factor 20, Cruz 9, Dela Cruz 3, Quiroz 3, Kisa 3, Kim 2, Pangelinan 2.

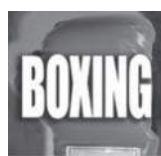
**Scoring by quarters:** 12-14, 20-22, 34-32, 43-42.

## Second Game

**Ol'Aces 44** — Atalig 12, Pangelinan 8, Saralu 7, Atan 6, Ngirarois 4, Maras 4, Soriano 1.

**Tanapag 31** — Norita 6, Omar 6, Aguon 5, Sulap 4, Kumuch 4, Lifofoi 2, Evangelista 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 8-8, 27-13, 34-21, 44-31.



## LAS VEGAS

The win was clear, but then again, did anyone think it would be any different? Three fights, 36 rounds and we have reached one inescapable conclusion: Manny Pacquiao is a better fighter than Tim Bradley. Saturday's performance was far from vintage Pacquiao, but his speed, power and activity were—again—too much for Bradley to overcome.

Inside the ring Freddie Roach celebrated, but Roach knew: This wasn't the kind of win Pacquiao needed. Oh, sure, Pacquiao says he is going to retire. He will run for Senate in the Philippines in a few months, and the plan is to walk away from his boxing career and focus on a political one. Yet no one, not Roach, not Bob Arum, not anyone in Pacquiao's inner circle believe he is truly done. Fighters fight, and the way Pacquiao has burned through money over the years he could be back in camp within weeks of the election.

All week Roach has been

# Forget Mayweather-Pacquiao II

adamant: He wants another shot at Floyd Mayweather. Last May's loss still lingers with Roach, still haunts him, the aging trainer craved another chance to match Pacquiao against Mayweather. Mayweather is retired, but Roach believed one thing: A brilliant performance by Pacquiao might be able to sway him. A knockout—and an early one—of a high-level opponent like Bradley might get Mayweather's attention, might stir public interest in the fading narrative that Pacquiao's shoulder was responsible for an underwhelming defeat. He impressed it on his aging pupil throughout camp, desperately hoping Pacquiao would rediscover his once-famed power.

He didn't get it. Pacquiao was very good against Bradley, maybe better. He controlled the pace, connected with his combinations and even put Bradley down twice. He lured Bradley into the positions he wanted and forced him to fight his fight.

"He was strong, man, fast and strong," Bradley said. "He was super smart tonight. He was always in the right spots. He was a step ahead of me. I was supposed to be a step ahead of him."

For any other fighter, that would be enough. If Pacquiao wants to keep going, he can. Terence Crawford is a rising star and Roach told Yahoo Sports he is eager to match Pacquiao against Crawford at 140 pounds. There is the loud-mouthed Adrien Broner, the title-holding Jessie Vargas and a collection of popular 147-pounders across the political divide in Al Haymon's stable.

None of them, though, are Mayweather, and as Roach congratulated Pacquiao in the ring, he had to know that door had forever been slammed shut. Publicly Mayweather has been adamant that he is retired, that 49-0 is enough for him. Privately, those that know him believe a rematch with Pacquiao could entice him back.

ed the first half of the opening frame, KFAS countered with its own three consecutive goals to end the half in a deadlock. An early goal from Jeong Woo Kim in the second half gave MP United the lead back before Young Ju Lee tied the match anew.

Meanwhile, in Division 2, Sun Palace gained the No. 1 spot in its group following a 2-1 victory against the Thundecats and the 2-2 draw erstwhile leader Shirley's got in its game versus World Resort.

Jun Sik Kim and Suehee

Chung had one goal apiece for Sun Palace, which improved to a 6-1-1 mark. Josh Kim knocked in the lone goal for the Thundecats, who dropped to fifth place in the team standings with their 2-3-4 record.

Shirley's, on the other hand, slid to second with its 5-1-3 card. Shirley's was ahead in the first half, 1-0, off Kazuaki Togo's goal, but had to settle for the draw after allowing World Resort to score twice in the second half.

Daniel Agulto and John Lewis posted one goal each

for World Resort (4-2-3) in the second half, while Wesley Bogdan scored for Shirley's in the final period.

In other results, Kanoa pulled off a 2-1 victory against the CNMI Women's National Team.

Raymond Zapanta recorded the winning goal for Kanoa, which is in fourth place in Division 2 with its 3-2-3 mark. Davy Laxa tallied the other goal for Kanoa, while Jeraldine Castillo got the only goal for the cellar dweller CNMI Women's National Team (1-1-7).

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back-to-back (22nd and 26th).

MP United also collected three goals in the opening 40 minutes of play to hold an early 3-0 advantage, but failed to sustain its strong start. J.C. Piring put MP United on the board right in the second minute and got his second goal in the fourth, while Sunjoon Tenorio made in three in row for the squad with his shot in the 12th minute.

After MP United dominat-



# Pacific Ocean Cup V Awards Ceremony



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Golden Boot winner Rintaro Miyawaki, center, of MP United, and Golden Glove awardee Dylan Mister, right, of Paire pose with their trophies presented by MP United Football Club president Vickie Izuka, left, during the awards ceremony for the Pacific Ocean Cup V early this month in Navy Hill.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
MP United Football Club president Vickie Izuka, center, joins the MVPs from the participating teams for a group photo.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
MP United players who volunteered for the tournament are recognized in the awards ceremony.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Head referee Jerish Angeles, left, and match commissioner Norman Del Rosario, right, receive plaques for their support to the tournament.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
MP United United Blue players pose for a photo after placing second behind Paire.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Vivid Blue players and coaches receive bags from event sponsor IT&E.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Vivid Blue's Sachiko Tahara, center, and MP United's Lydia Tan, are recognized for their efforts in making Pacific Ocean Cup V a success.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Players from champion Paire FC and Shirley's FC gather with tournament officials and volunteers for a group photo.





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## CNMI Sharks rip PH Templars

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The CNMI Sharks tore the Philippine Templars apart, 68-0, during their friendly game at the Gatorade Chelsea FC Blue Pitch in Makati, Philippines last Saturday.

The Sharks won the match dubbed as "Battle of the Pacific" despite their limited manpower, as the visiting team had only 18 players available for the game against the Templars' 60-man roster.

"We knew going into the game that we were going to be short handed so we made sure that our players knew both sides of the ball," John Blanco told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. "We went in with only 18 players and one offensive coordinator (our defensive coordinator suited up) and faced a



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Players and officials of the CNMI Sharks pose for a photo after demolishing the Philippine Templars, 68-0, during their friendly game last Saturday at the Gatorade Chelsea FC Blue Pitch in Makati, Philippines.



### 670 Sonics, Ol'Aces keep clean slates

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**M-BF** The 670 Sonics and Ol'Aces extended their winning run in the U15 division of the Inaugural Frank M. Diaz Memorial Youth League after recording contrasting wins last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the first game, the Zachariah Johnson-coached 670 Sonics eked out a 43-42 victory over the NMI Rollers to improve to a 4-0 record. The Ol'Aces hold the same perfect mark following a 44-31 triumph against Tanapag in the second match of the weekend.

The Ol'Aces set up the 13-point win against Tanapag (2-2) after taking control of the game in the second quarter. The Ol'Aces-Tanapag tiff was tied at the end of the first period, 8-all, before Napu Atalig, Troy Ngirarois, Rikko Saralu, and Timmy Pangelinan teamed up in giving the winning squad a 27-13 halftime edge. The foursome scored at least two baskets apiece to break the deadlock and hand the Ol'Aces a 14-point lead.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
The Ol'Aces' Albert Atan goes up for an uncontested layup during the second half of their U15 division game against Tanapag in the Diaz youth caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

team roughly 60 deep."

Blanco was joined on the team by quarterback Jerome Norita, Angel Terry, Gregorio Sablan, Daniel Calvo II, Ben Jones Jr., Vince Kaipat, Jermaine Catching, Rodney Deleon Guerrero, George Lieto Jr., Tai Doram, Paul Ferreira, Jeff Norita,

Charleston Aiken, Kelvin Fitial, Joe Esteves, Vaeototoo Failauga Jr., Ken Taitingfong, and offensive coordinator Garth Backe.

"Our defense, led by defensive coordinator/player, Tai Doram was brutal. Everyone on

the 18-man team played some defense. Our offense, headed by offensive coordinator Garth, was able to provide a well balanced passing and running attack," Blanco said.

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### Tan Holdings, Sun Palace on top of M-League

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**M-LEAGUE** Tan Holdings Football Club and Sun Palace moved on top of their respective divisions after prevailing in separate matches in the 2016 M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Tan Holdings took the solo lead in Division 1 following a 3-0 victory against Paire/Inter Godfather's. Tan Holdings now has a 4-1-1 win-draw-loss record to place ahead of Paire/Inter Godfather's (3-2-2), Korean Football Association (3-2-1), MP United (2-3-1), and Matansa (0-0-7).

Mareko Tekopua, Joshua De Leon, and Martin Jambor delivered one goal apiece to the new division leader with the former lighting up the board first in the 11th minute. De Leon scored seven minutes later, while Jambor's shot was also made in the first half, as he found his target in the 33rd minute.

In the other Division 1 game, Korean Football Association on Saipan forced a 4-4 draw against MP United.

Young Ju Lee registered the equalizer for KFAS in the 45th minute, while the team's three other goals were posted in the first half. Jong Gu

Gil tallied the first goal for KFAS in the 20th, while Jun Woo Lee recorded

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Shirley's FC, left, and World Resort players kick the ball during the first half of their game in Division 2 of the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex.